

Sacred Harp Sings

2024 & 2025

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Editor's Note 2024

Dear Singers,

As the end of the year approaches and the completion of another Sacred Harp Minutes and Directory is near, I am reminded of the many events it has been my privilege to attend. Again, as in the past few years, I will remind you that the directory is provisional. Please check with organizers before planning trips for events.

The minutes book closely resembles those of past years as more singings have taken place since the year of few singings. I wish to express my gratitude for the work done by secretaries all over the world. Their dedication to presenting well done minutes for publication is edifying.

In July of this year, I again had the opportunity to attend Camp FaSoLa. I encourage singers to make plans for attending camp. It is a weeklong immersion into Sacred Harp singing and tradition. It is also a lot of fun! Please do not assume that someone will not be interested, go ahead, and suggest anyway. You never know unless you ask. Please continue to sing with gusto and spirit! Never allow the failings of human status to corrupt the joy of singing.

— Judy Caudle

“Come let us raise our voices high, And form a sacred song,
To Him who rules the earth and sky, And does our days prolong,
Who thru the night gave us to rest, This morning cheered our eyes;
And with the thousands of the blest, In health made us to rise.”

HOW TO SUBMIT MINUTES

Minutes are compiled and submitted by the secretary of the singing. Please familiarize yourself with the general format and style of the minutes of other singings and use the same format and style for your minutes.

- **Name/Location/Date/Time** Start the minutes with exactly three lines showing: 1) the name of the singing, 2) the location, and 3) the calendar date(s) on which it was held. Do not use all-caps.
- **Breaks** Indicate breaks using RECESS or LUNCH, capitalized as shown, and on a line by themselves.
- **Multi-Day Singings** Indicate the start of a second or third day of singing with the day and date spelled out on a line by itself.
- **Names** Verify the spellings of all names. Do not put state names or abbreviations after singers' names. Do not insert commas between the name and the first song number.
- **Song Numbers** List songs only by number. List the name of a song only if the song does not appear in a printed singing book. If two songs begin on the same page, be sure to add lower-case "t" for top or "b" for bottom to the page number. For example: 31t or 49b. If a particular song is the only song beginning on its page, a "t" or "b" should not be used. For example: 306 (not 306b).
- **Other Singing Books** Use abbreviations listed on page 44.
- **Memorial Lesson** When listing those memorialized, please indicate the state of origin and year of death if known.
- **Officers** List officers at the end of the minutes, ending with the name of the secretary.
- **Brevity** Please be brief with any descriptions of business sessions, resolutions reports, memorial lessons, and expressions of thanks. Submitted minutes will be edited as needed for space reasons.
- **E-Mail Instructions and Deadlines** are listed on page 5.
- **Payment** To appear in the Minutes, please send \$15 per singing day. Please note that this fee supports the publication process, but it does not include the cost of ordering the books themselves.
- **Check Payable to:** **Sacred Harp Minutes**
Mail to: Judy Caudle
1821 Gum Pond Rd., Eva, AL 35621
- **Ordering Books** Please visit fasola.org/minutes for details.

E-MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and follow these instructions carefully:

E-mail format

- Type or paste directly into the e-mail. **Do not send attachments.**
- The first 3 lines should contain: Singing Name, Location, Date.
- Use 2 returns to make a blank line between all other paragraphs.
- Use 2 spaces between sentences.

Style All styles will be applied during book production.

Use **plain text only** in the minutes that you send us:

- Do not use bold, italics, underline, or other special formatting.
- Do not center the title.
- Do not type the title in upper case.
- Do not use “smart quotes”.
- Show long dashes (—) as two hyphens (--).
- Show bulleted items with a * at the start of the paragraph.

Need Help? A web page with examples of well-formatted minutes can be found at: <http://fasola.org/minutes/>

Editor’s E-Mail Address Along with the minutes, or any time during the year, please e-mail directory updates, local singing information, questions, or any other minutes-related correspondence to: minutes@fasola.org

Always Send a Printout Even when you e-mail your minutes, please also mail a printout along with your payment. This allows us to re-type the minutes in the event the e-mail is lost or unreadable.

DEADLINES

Please send minutes immediately after the singing. The deadlines are:

January-October singings

The 15th of the following month.

November singings

The Friday following the singing.

December singings

The 2nd Sunday in December, 5pm (Central time). Singings held after the 2nd Sunday will be in the following year’s book.

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SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2025 DIRECTORY

ANNUAL SINGINGS

January

First Sunday and Saturday before

Wed., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Cincinnati, Ohio (Location varies)—Always on New Year's Day—Info: <http://ohiosacredharp.ej345.com> or John Bealle

Wed., 1st—New Year's Day Singing—Mapperley Parish Church, Nr Ilkeston, Derbyshire, United Kingdom—11:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: sacredharp.uk

Wed., 1st—Dominic Ciavonne Ziegler Memorial Singing—Old Felta Schoolhouse, Healdsburg, California—Info: bayareasacredharp.org

Wed., 1st—New Year's Day Harmonia Sacra Singing—Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart, Indiana 46517—1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST—*Harmonia Sacra*—Waltner Hall Chapel of the Word, park in the south lot and enter through the south door. A light potluck supper will follow.—New Year's Day—Info: scmws@yahoo.com

Sun., 5th—Shady Grove Annual Singing—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Take Hwy 278W to Double Springs, Alabama. Turn right onto Hwy 195, and then right onto County Road 18.—The first Sunday of each year

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—The Chicago Winter Singing Workshops—Berry United Methodist Church, 4754 N Leavitt, Chicago, Illinois—12:40 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Info: <http://chicagosingsings.org>

Sat., 11th—Helms-Bayne Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sat., 11th, 6:00 p.m.—Lillian Calvert and Irene Woodley Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—6 miles northeast of Jasper, Alabama. Off Hwy 69, take Boldo Cemetery Road, the church is on the right.—Saturday night before the second Sunday in January

Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th—Central Florida Singing—St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 4917 Eli Street, Orlando, Florida 32804—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp 1991, The Christian Harmony 2010, The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper*—Second Sunday and Saturday before in January—Info: FB event

Sun., 12th—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Postponed for 2025—9:30 a.m.

Sun., 12th—Anniversary Singing—Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, 3501 N Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60641—9:30 a.m.—Info: <http://chicagosingsings.org>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—Convention rotates between Northern and Southern California—9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Info: bayareasacredharp.org

Sun., 19th—Creel Memorial Christian Harmony Singing—Old County Line Church, near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—9282 Miller Road, Warrior, Alabama. Exit 284 off I-65, turn left off the ramp and then right onto Blount County Road 8. Go approximately 7 miles, turn left on Miller Road, angle right onto County Line Church Road.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 25th—William J. Reynolds Sacred Harp Singing—School of Church Music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—2101 Yates Street, Fort Worth, (Tarrant County), Texas—Dutch Treat—Last Saturday in January—Info: singsings.texasfasola.org

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Keystone Convention—Germantown Mennonite Church, 21 W Washington Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—Australian Convention—Dickson Street Space, 35-39 Dickson St. Newtown NSW 2042, Australia—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: <http://sacredharpaustralia.com>

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—W.L. Green Memorial and Baldwin County Cooper Book Singing—Galilee Primitive Baptist Church, 37295 US Hwy 31 S, Stapleton, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

February

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Rotunda Singing—Alabama Department of Archives and History—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp*—between Adams and Washington streets, Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$10.00 donation

Sun., 2nd—Burnham and Brown Memorial—Wesley Foundation, Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Driving north on Hwy. 21, go through the square—Once past Mountain Street, look for the Wesley Foundation building on the left. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to help with lunch—Info: katzenhw.47@gmail.com

Sun., 2nd—Central Music Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: Matt Wells or fasolamatt@yahoo.com

Sat., 8th—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: singsings.texasfasola.org

Sat., 8th—Sanders Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton, Alabama. Turn off Hwy 78 onto Hollis Goodwin Road, go 0.7 mile (past New Horizon Funeral Home) to McCormick Road, turn left. Church is on the left.—Info: Danny Creel

Sat., 8th—Emory University—Cannon Chapel, Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

Sun., 9th—Elder Roy Avery Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—4413 County Road 79, 3 miles southwest of Daviston, Alabama. Take Alabama Hwy 22 to Daviston, and then County Road 79 south to crossroads. Church is on the right. From Alexander City, take Hwy 22 east to Germany Ferrys Rd, turn right. Church is on the left.

Sun., 9th—Lincoln's Birthday Singing—University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Chicago, Illinois—1:00 p.m.—(Note: this singing is in connection with Folk Festival and will alternate with first, second, or third Sunday)—Info: <http://www.chicagosingsings.org>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—Panhandle Pioneer Museum—Blountstown, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th—Pacific Northwest Convention—Sunset Hill Community Club, 3003 NW 66th St, Seattle, WA 98117—9:30 a.m.—Singing school and singing on Saturday, and all day singing on Sunday—Third Sunday and Saturday before in February—Info: chair@pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—J.L. White Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, 3965 Glenwood Road, Decatur, Georgia—10:30 a.m.—*White Book*—From I-285, exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. go 1.4 miles. church is on left. From I-20, exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd, go 4.2 miles, church is on right. The church is between Columbia Dr and Candler Rd.—Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

Sat., 22nd—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—Wisewood Methodist Church, Ben Lane, Sheffield, UK—10:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: sacredharp.uk

Sat., 22nd—Troy All-Day Singing—Pioneer Museum, Troy, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—North of Troy on west side of Hwy 231—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sun., 23rd—The Social Harp and Sacred Harp Singing—No. 3 Railroad Street Community Center, 3 Railroad St., Arnoldsville, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/The Social Harp*—Info: Michael Spencer

March

First Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 28th - Sun., 2nd—Ireland Sacred Harp Convention—Cork, Ireland—Friday evening singing school, Sat, Sun: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: <http://www.corksacredharp.com/convention>

Sat., 1st—Elmore Center Singing—Elmore Center United Methodist Church, 1165 County Road 21, Gordo, Pickens County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—4 miles south of Gordo on County Roads 9 and 21—Info: Jack Pate

Sat., 1st—Arie and Mona Galloway Memorial—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sat., 1st—Greenwood County Singing—501 E Creswell Ave. Greenwood, SC 29649—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Old Fellowship Hall is downstairs from the Sanctuary or ground floor from the back of the Church. Go 4 blocks south of Uptown to the second traffic light and turn left on E Creswell Avenue. Go five blocks and LLC is in the fork of the road.—Saturday before the first Sunday in March—Info: hoganbill56@gmail.com

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Ohio State Convention—Convention usually alternates between Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus. Location to be announced.—Saturday 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Sunday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—First Sunday and Saturday before in March—Info: <http://ohiosacredharp.ej345.com>

Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd—Elder Gerald Hand Memorial and Tucson Singing—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—rotates between Las Cruces, New Mexico and Tucson, Arizona—Info: jswarstad@gmail.com

Sun., 2nd—Rogers Memorial—Ephesus School Auditorium, Ephesus (Heard County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—On Georgia Hwy. 100—Info: Karen Rollins

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27605—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Shenandoah Harmony*—Info: ncshapenote.org or Facebook

Sat., 8th—Olympia All-Day Singing—Olympia, Washington—
Info: pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

Sat., 8th—John Etheridge Singing (in Memory of Winston Jones and Doss Bryan)—Valley Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Opp (Covington County), Alabama—*Cooper Book*—10 miles north of Opp on Hwy. 331—
Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sat., 8th—Sussex Shape Note Singing—Staplefield Village Hall, Cuckfield Road, Staplefield, Sussex, UK—10:00 a.m.—Info: sacredharp.uk

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Missouri State Convention—The Monday Club, 37 South Maple Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri 63119—9:30 a.m.—Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and *Missouri Harmony*—corner of South Maple and East Cedar Avenues—
Info: stlfasola.org and FB

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Location to be announced, Northampton, Massachusetts—9:30 a.m.—
Info: wmshc.chair@gmail.com

Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th—2025 ONLY—Texas State Convention—Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February—
Info: singsings.texasfasola.org

Sun., 9th—Enon Singing—Enon Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama—Cooper Revision—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sun., 9th—Oxford Singing—Lafayette County Multipurpose Arena, Oxford, MS 38655—9:45 a.m.—70 F.B. Buddy East Parkway (off US 278)—Info: Warren Steel

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—Hoboken Annual Singing—Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, 12540 Central Avenue Extension, Hoboken, Georgia 31542—9:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Saturday before the third Sunday in March—Info: Riley Lee

Sat., 15th—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—Second Presbyterian Church—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—across from Wofford College—Spartanburg, South Carolina—Lunch on your own.—Info: Robert Kelley

Sat., 15th—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Christian Harmony*—Northeast of Jasper, Alabama. Off Alabama Hwy 69, turn on Boldo Cemetery Road—Info: shapenotesingsings.com

Sun., 16th—Godsey Sisters and Sandra Spradlin Memorial (Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, and Mina Adams)—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, 3 miles north of Double Springs, Alabama, on Hwy 195—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Take Hwy 278W to Double Springs, Alabama. Turn right onto Hwy 195, go approximately 2 miles, and then right onto County Road 18.—
Info: Nicholas Thompson

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Swarens Memorial Higher Ground Singing—St Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46208—9:30 a.m.—Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and *Shenandoah Harmony*—Info: sahra.lynnne@gmail.com / www.indysacredharp.com

Sat., 22nd—Ann Arbor Singing—Keverson Hall, Moore Building, University of Michigan—10:00 a.m.—1100 Baits Drive, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109—Info: claguem@gmail.com

Sat., 22nd—Vermont All-Day Singing—Barre Labor Hall, 46 Granite Street, Barre, Vermont—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: FB or vermontshapenotesingers.com

Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Georgia State Convention—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 edition*—From I-20, exit # 11, turn south on Hwy 27. Go to top of hill and at service station, turn left. Go to dead end, turn left—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

Sun., 23rd—Faircloth-Tom Woodham-Ezzie Hartzog Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall, Hwy 177, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Info: Kevin Eddins, or sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 29th—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton, Alabama. Turn off Hwy 78 onto Hollis Goodwin Road, go 0.7 mile (past New Horizon Funeral Home) to McCormick Road, turn left. Church is on the left.—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday of year—Info: Danny Creel

Sat., 29th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Sweetwater Chapel, 1000 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lawrenceville, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday of year—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th—Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan (Caldwell County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—On Farmers Market Road 713—Between Bastrop and Luling—East of Lockhart—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later)—Info: singsings.texasfasola.org

Sun., 30th—Ivey Memorial—Liberty Church, 1500 Liberty Rd., Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama 35978—9:30 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing (Hwy 75 and Hwy 40), take Hwy 40 west and go 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative, turn right and go to dead end. Turn right and take the first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road). Go 1.3 miles and the church is on the right.—First fifth Sunday of year—Info: David@davidivey.com

Sun., 30th—Old Chicora (Hillsborough County)—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 17385 Bethlehem Rd, Lithia, Florida 33547—*Cooper Book*—Bethlehem Rd. (between Hwy 37 and Hwy 39—one mile north of Hwy 674—five miles east of Fort Lonesome) Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—Info: skyami89@gmail.com / jerilclenney@gmail.com

April

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 5th—Jones Memorial Singing—Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Opp (Covington County), Alabama—*Cooper Book*—0.5 miles west of Hwy 299 (Martin Luther King Expressway) on Hwy. 84—from North on Hwy 299, turn right on Hwy 84, from South, turn left—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sat., 5th—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, 503 Brewer Drive, Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—From I-65, take Exit 74A (Old Hickory Blvd. east) turn left onto Edmondson Pike (2.2 mi.), turn right on McMurray Dr. (1.1 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. From I-24, take Exit 59 and go left on Bell Rd, turn right on Nolensville Rd. (3.3 mi.), turn left on Brewer Dr. (.5 mi.) Church (.6 mi.) Signs will be posted.—Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: trcopes@gmail.com

Sat., 5th—Brazos River Singing—Martin Luther Lutheran Church—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—*Cooper Book*—202 Luther Lane, Carmine, Texas—20 miles west of Brenham on Hwy 290—Info: singsings.texasfasola.org

Sat., 5th—Iowa Singing—St. John Lutheran Church, 600 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa—Info: Michael Moore or facebook

Sat., 5th—Brighton Sacred Harp Singing Day—Exeter Street Hall, Brighton, UK—10:00 a.m.—Info: sacredharp.uk

Sat., 5th—Sweetwater All-Day Singing—Church of the Mediator, 401 NE Cholokka Blvd., Micanopy, Florida

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Potomac River Convention—Washington, D.C. area. Location to be announced.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Shenandoah Harmony*—First Saturday and Sunday following in April.—

Info: dcshapenote.squarespace.com

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—P. Dan Brittain Memorial Singing—West Fork Community Center, 222 Webster Street, West Fork, Arkansas 72774—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Missouri Harmony*—First weekend in April—Info: Syd Caldwell

Sun., 6th—Hugh Bill McGuire Memorial—Bruce Forestry Museum, 109 Public Square, Bruce, Mississippi—Info: shapenotesingings.com

Sun., 6th—Edwardsville Baptist Church—Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—U.S. Hwy 78, six miles east of Heflin, Alabama—Info: Cecil Roberts

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sun., 13th—Elder Homer Benefield, Katherine Benefield, and Mildred Johnson Memorial—Discontinued

Sat., 12th—Bainbridge Island All-Day Sacred Harp Singing—Seabold Hall, 14450 Komedal Rd, NE, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110—Info: Kevin Barrans / kbarrans@gmail.com

Sat., 12th—State Line Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:00 a.m. CDT—From west to east: Take U.S. Hwy. 78 to the Georgia State Line; immediately turn around and come back to first road to the right (Co. Rd. 69). Go to the second road on the right (dirt—NOT paved—County Road 207) and turn right. Go approximately 500 yards and church will be on left.—From the east: Go to Georgia State Line and follow the same directions—Info: Pam Nunn

Sat., 12th—Barfield Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall—*Cooper Book*—Hwy 177, 9 miles from Hwy 79, Miller Crossroads, Florida, near Bonifay.—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sun., 13th—Antioch Baptist Church—Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Take I-59 north—Exit right at Exit 231—Turn left onto Hwy. 40/117—Go 1.4 miles and turn right on Hwy. 117—Go 9.5 miles (You will cross Hwy. 75)—Turn right onto Hwy. 141—Go 3.9 miles—Turn right onto County Road 783 and immediately back left onto County Road 782—Church is on left

Sun., 13th—County Line Church—near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—9282 Miller Road, Warrior, Alabama. Exit 284 off I-65, turn left off the ramp and then right onto Blount County Road 8. Go approximately 7 miles, turn left on Miller Road, angle right onto County Line Church Road.

Sun., 13th—Palm Sunday Singing—Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom—10:30 a.m.—Palm Sunday—Info: sacredharp.uk

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 19th—Paris Singing—Location to be announced.—10:30 a.m.—Saturday before 3rd Sunday in April—Info: leopoldine.guillaume@gmail.com

Sat., 19th—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—Union Primitive Baptist Church, Goggans, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Johnstonville Road between I-75 and Barnesville

Sat., 19th—Rhode Island All-Day Sacred Harp Singing—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave, Providence, Rhode Island 02906—10:00 a.m.—Info: <http://risacredharp.org>

Sat., 19th—Landmark Park Singing—Landmark Park, Dothan, Alabama—Cooper Revision—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sun., 20th—Easter Sunday

Sun., 20th—Enon Primitive Baptist Church—Chickasaw County, Mississippi—Dinner at 12:00 noon with singing beginning at 1:00 p.m.—South of Hwy. 8—8 miles east of Houston—From Hwy. 8—Turn south on County Road 190—Church is on the left

Sun., 20th—Old Harmony—Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, 3490 County Road 60, Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Approximately 10 miles east of Heflin—Take Exit 210 (Ranburne/Muscadine, exit off I-20)—Take first road on right (County Road 60)—Go 1 mile—Church on right

Sun., 20th—New Haven Singing—New Haven, Connecticut—Info: Ian Quinn

Sun., 20th—Pine Grove Church—Lookout Mountain, Near Collinsville, DeKalb County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From I-59 take exit 205 onto Hwy 68 east, follow signs to US Hwy 11 and continue south. Look for sign to church between mile marker 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile mark 211, Hwy 469). Go 2.6 miles, follow signs—Info: Rodney Ivey

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 26th—Oliver Kindig—Stokes Memorial—York Friends Meetinghouse, 135 West Philadelphia St, York, Pennsylvania—Info: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

Sat., 26th—Golden Gate Singing—San Francisco Bay Area, Location TBD—<http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>—Info: chair@bayareasacredharp.org

Sat., 26th—Detroit Singing—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave—9:30 a.m.—Info: Jamie Yeats

Sat., 26th—Atlanta Sacred Harp Singing—First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30307—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: atlantasacredharp.org or Andy Ditzler

Sat., 26th—New York State Regional (Spring)—Ithaca Friends Meeting House, 120 3rd St., Ithaca, NY 14850—10:00 a.m.—Info: Ginny Huszagh

Sat., 26th—Alabama State Cooper Book Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Semi-Annual Session—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sat., 26th—E.T. White Memorial Singing—Valley Grove Community Center, Cullman, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Exit 306, Interstate Hwy 65,—Info: Butch White

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—Rusk County Convention—Old Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas—*Christian Harmony* (Sat)—*Cooper Book* (Sun)—Fourth weekend in April unless falls on Easter, then third weekend in April—

Info: singsings.texasfasola.org

Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Cooper Book*—0.5 miles SE of M1 junction 24—5 minutes from East Midlands Airport and 45 minutes from Birmingham International Airport—Info: sacredharp.uk

Sun., 27th—Friendship Church—Winston County, Alabama, Eight miles southeast of Haleyville—On Hwy. 195, Turn south at church sign, go 2 miles, church on left—Going north—look for church sign, go south 2 miles

Sun., 27th—Alewine-Laminack Memorial—St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2213 County Road 14, Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m. CDT with Lunch 12:00 noon CDT—Take U.S. 78 to Fruithurst—Turn north (County Road 35) at post office—Go to County Road 49—Follow County Road 49 north to County Road 14 (Rosewood Community)—Turn right—Go approximately 2 miles—Church on left

May

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 3rd—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burrirt on the Mountain, Huntsville, (Madison County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Singing held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: David@davidivey.com

Sat., 3rd—Northwest Arkansas Shiloh Singing—St. John's Episcopal Church, 707 W. Central Ave., Harrison, Arkansas—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Syd Caldwell

Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th—Portland Singing—The Little Church, 5138 NE 23rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Saturday singing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and Sunday singing from *The Christian Harmony*—

Info: poshchair@gmail.com or Portland Sacred Harp on Facebook

Sun., 4th—Heath Memorial—Mabson Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—5 miles east of Ozark on Hwy 36—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sun., 4th—Shady Grove Baptist Church—Dutton (Jackson County), Alabama—Between Section and Dutton off Alabama Hwy 71 on the west side. Turn at church sign.—Info: Syble Adams

Sun., 4th—Shady Grove (Keeton Cemetery)—141 Keeton Lane, Nauvoo, Walker County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—1.5 miles east of New Flatwoods Church on Hwy 11.—Info: Glenn Keeton

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 10th—Memphis Singing—Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, 838 Berclair Road, Memphis, Tennessee—Info: Matt Bell

Sat., 10th—Pumpkintown Shape Note Singing (formerly Furman University)—Oolenoy Community Center, 5301 Dacusville Hwy (SC135), Pickens, South Carolina 29671—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Christian Harmony*—Saturday before second Sunday in May—Info: davefarmer@charter.net

Sat., 10th—Boston Singing—First Church in Jamaica Plain UU, 6 Eliot St, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130—10:00 a.m.—Info: <http://www.bostonsacredharp.org>

Sat., 10th—Mid-Michigan Singing—Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan—Info: fasolamichigan.org

Sat., 10th—Bristol Singing—Frenchay Quaker Meeting House, Beckspool Road, Bristol, UK—10:30 a.m.—Info: <http://bristolsacredharp.org>

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 17th—Providence Singing—Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence, Cullman County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—2 County Road 1428, Vinemont, Alabama 35179. Located on eastern side of Cullman County Road 1435.

Sat., 17th—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington—Info: Charles Coulston

Sat., 17th—Tallahassee Singing—Fort Braden Community Center, 16387 Blountstown Hwy. (SR20), Tallahassee, Florida—BF White Sacred Harp, *Cooper Edition*—Saturday before third Sunday in May

Sun., 18th—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.5 miles east of Hefflin on U.S. Hwy. US Hwy 78—GPS: 33.685862, -85.525712—One quarter mile south of intersection of US-78 and CR-66.

Sun., 18th—Rocky Mount Homecoming/Hillabee Sacred Harp Convention—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Tallapoosa County, Alabama—10:00 a.m. CST—4413 County Road 79, 3 miles southwest of Daviston, Alabama. Take Alabama Hwy 22 to Daviston, and then County Road 79 south to crossroads. Church is on the right. From Alexander City, take Hwy 22 east to Germany Ferry

Rd, turn right. Church is on the left.—Third Sunday in May—Info: Charlotte Bishop

Sun., 18th—Concord Baptist Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—12:00 Noon Dinner, singing at 1:00 p.m.—West of Hwy. 32 at Ellard—In Ellard—Take County Road 238 west from Ellard to Concord. Cross Persimmon Bottom and continue up the hill to the church.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 24th—Low Country Sacred Harp Society—Charleston, South Carolina—10:00 a.m.—Location to be announced—Info: Charleston Shape Note Singings FB

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—John Merritt Memorial Singing—Old Courthouse Museum, 1008 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition, J.L. White Book, Cooper Book, and Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis or Henry McGuire

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Germany Sacred Harp Convention—Bremen, Germany—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharp.de / sacredharpgermany@gmail.com

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—The Big Singing—Marshall County Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—10:00 a.m.—*Southern Harmony, The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: trcopes@gmail.com

Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th—Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., both days—Info: Randy Neufeld & Susan Geil or www.chicagosingings.org

Sun., 25th—Beda Church Singing—7971 Beda Road, Wing, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—20 miles southwest of Andalusia, Alabama, on Hwy 137 north of Wing, Alabama—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Mon., 26th—Memorial Day

Mon., 26th—Memorial Day Singing—Old Paths Bible Church (Siloam Church)—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition and Missouri Harmony*—From Bowling Green, Missouri, take Hwy Y about nine miles past Farmer intersection to Pike County Road 410. Church is two miles on Rd 410; follow signs—Info: Tommy Schultz or www.stlfasola.org

June

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 31st—Vancouver All-Day Singing—Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia—9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Saturday before the first Sunday in June—Info: Matthew McLellan

Sat., 31st—Lamar and Pickens County Convention—Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Pickens County, Alabama—8 miles North of Gordo, Alabama. Turn onto County Road 49. Church is .25 mile west of Hwy 159.

Sat., 31st—Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Memorial singing—Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse, New Gloucester, Maine—Info: Barb Ames

Sat., 31st—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Elba, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—approximately 7 miles north of Elba on Hwy 87 just past CR315 (dirt road circles back to Hwy 87). Church is on left going north—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sat., 31st—Newcastle Singing—St. Francis Church Hall, Cleveland Gardens High Heaton, Newcastle, UK—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Singing held on Saturday following the Whitsun Bank Holiday—Info: sacredharp.uk

Sat., 31st—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—From I-20, exit # 11, turn south on Hwy 27. Go to top of hill and at service station, turn left. Go to dead end, turn left—Info: Phillip Langley

Sat., 31st & Sun., 1st—Northern Shenandoah Valley Double All-Day Singing—Location to be announced—10:00 a.m.—singing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*

on Saturday; singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony* on Sunday—

Info: jdelre1952@gmail.com

Sat., 31st & Sun., 1st—Oslo Sacred Harp Singing—One-off exception 2025—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Singing school on Friday evening—Location to be announced—Info: Chris Affolter or sacredharp.uk

Sun., 1st—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi—On Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

Sun., 1st—Liberty Decoration Day Singing—Liberty Church, 1500 Liberty Rd., Henagar (DeKalb County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing (Hwy 75 and Hwy 40), take Hwy 40 west and go 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative, turn right and go to dead end. Turn right and take the first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road). Go 1.3 miles and the church is on the right.—Info: David@davidivey.com

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 7th—Raymond Hamrick Memorial Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett

Sat., 7th—Albany All-Day Singing—Burton Hall (East Town Hall), 1071 NY-40, Greenwich, New York 12834—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Saturday before the second Sunday in June—Info: twareh@gmail.com and FB

Sat., 7th—Hopewell Homecoming—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Blount County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama, take Hwy 231, watch for mile marker 248, take road at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church, go to dead end, turn right, church is on the left.—Info: Rebekah Gilmore / shapenotesings.com

Sun., 8th—Magic City All-Day Singing—Location to be announced, Birmingham, Alabama 35233—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Second Sunday in June—Info: bhillkennedy@gmail.com

Sun., 8th—June Singing—Alpharetta City Hall Building, 2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—from Atlanta, exit GA400 North at Haynes Bridge—turn left—go to Old Milton Parkway—turn left—turn right on GA9—City Hall/ Courthouse ¼ mile on right—Info: Helen Bryson

Sun., 8th—Oak Springs Church—Calhoun County, Mississippi—Dinner at noon, singing at 1:00 p.m.—3 miles north of Derma

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 14th—Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial—Addington Chapel Methodist Church, Cullman County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—from I-65 take exit 299—go south on Hwy 69 toward Jasper approximately 10.8 miles—turn right onto County Road 59—go 1.5 miles, church will be on your right.

Sat., 14th—Mt. Adams All-Day Singing—The Trout Lake Grange Hall, 2390 Highway 141, Trout Lake, Washington—Take I84 east, cross the river at Hood River, drive north on Hwy. 141 about 25 minutes—Friday night social in Trout Lake—Info: Melissa Stephenson

Sat., 14th—Clermont-Ferrand Singing—Location to be announced, Paris, France—12:00 p.m.—Info: Frederic Eymard, frederic.eynard@gmail.com

Sat., 14th—Morton Singing—Tiller Arts Center, Morton, Washington—Saturday before the third Sunday in June in alternate years—Info: Kate Fortin

Sat., 14th—Exeter All-Day Singing—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, Exeter Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania—10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—U.S. 422 to Baumstown—Continue past homestead 1 mile to Meetinghouse Road—Left on Meetinghouse Road 0.2 miles to Meetinghouse on right—Saturday before the third Sunday in June—Info: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

Sun., 15th—Zion Hill Memorial Singing—Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Brachfield (Rusk County), Texas—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—About 12 miles

southeast of Henderson—Take Farm to Market Road 840 toward Brachfield from Henderson—Turn right at the Welch Cemetery on County Road 368—Church is on the left—Always held on Father's Day—Info: singsings.texasfasola.org

Sun., 15th—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church—2277 Hopewell Road, 2 miles east of Ephesus, Heard County, Georgia, off State Route 100—10:00 a.m.—Info: Karen Rollins

Sun., 15th—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon), near Lynn, Winston County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Near Natural Bridge, Alabama. Take Hwy 278W. Turn onto County Road 357 between mile markers 30 and 31.

Sun., 15th—Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church—Macedonia Community (Jackson County), Alabama—10:00 a.m.—4 miles south of Section—7 miles northwest of Fyffe on county road to Section—Info: Dennis George

Sun., 15th—Pleasant Home Baptist Church—6107 Eagle Road, Andalusia, Alabama 36420—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 21st—The Kermit and Steve Adams Memorial—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Winston County, Alabama—Take Hwy 278W to Double Springs, Alabama. Turn right onto Hwy 195, go approximately 2 miles, and then right onto County Road 18.

Sat., 21st—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Botley Women's Institute Hall, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford, UK—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: sacredharp.uk

Sun., 22nd—DeLong-Roberts Memorial Singing—Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 4490 State Bridge Way, Alpharetta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Exit GA400 N at exit 10—Go east for 2.6 miles—turn left at traffic light on to Kimbell Bridge Road (past Chick Fil'a)—take second left into parking lot—Info: Jesse Roberts

Sun., 22nd—New Hope Church—Cullman County, Alabama—Five miles south of Jones Chapel off Hwy. 278, turn south onto County Road 940—Church is on the right

Sun., 22nd—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church—Fayette County, Alabama—8 miles northwest of Fayette, Alabama. Take State Hwy 18 west from Fayette. Turn right, north, on State Hwy 107. Go approximately 4 miles and turn right at the church sign on Mt. Lebanon Road. The church will be on the left.

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 28th—Quilcene Singing—#11 Old Quilcene Rd., Quilcene, Washington 98376—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Last Saturday in June—Info: olypensacredharp@gmail.com / FB

Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Sweetwater Memorial Chapel, 1000 Pleasant Hill Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044—2025 Only—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—2026 Return to first fifth Sunday and Saturday before after Labor Day—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

Sun., 29th—Old Chicora (Hillsborough County)—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 17385 Bethlehem Rd, Lithia, Florida 33547—*Cooper Book*—Bethlehem Rd. (between Hwy 37 and Hwy 39—one mile north of Hwy 674—five miles east of Fort Lonesome) Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—Info: skyami89@gmail.com / jerilclenney@gmail.com

July

First Sunday and Saturday before

Mon., 30th—Independence Day Singing—Union Methodist Church, Wellington, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Rene Greene

Mon., 30th - Fri., 4th—Camp Fasola—Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama—For up-to-date information see campfasola.org—Info: David Ivey

Fri., 4th—Independence Day

Sat., 5th—Pioneer Valley Singing—First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: www.wmshc.org or Linda Shea

Sat., 5th—Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day—South Malling Parish Church, Church Lane, Lewes, E. Sussex, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: sacredharp.uk

Sat., 5th & Sun., 6th—Henagar-Union Convention—Liberty Church, 1500 Liberty Rd., Henagar, DeKalb County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From Henagar Crossing (Hwy 75 and Hwy 40), take Hwy 40 west and go 0.6 mile to the Farmers Telephone Cooperative, turn right and go to dead end. Turn right and take the first left past Henagar Methodist Church (Liberty Road). Go 1.3 miles and the church is on the right.—Info: david@davidivey.com

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 11th & Sat., 12th—Quebec Convention—Ways Mills Community Hall, Barnston-Quest, Quebec—10:00 a.m.—Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in July—Info: Chuck Neville

Sat., 12th—Victoria All-Day Singing—Dickson Street Space, 35-39 Dickson Street, Newtown, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia—Info: Elaena Gardner / sydneyshapenote@gmail.com

Sat., 12th—Scotland Singing—singing will rotate between Edinburgh and Glasgow—Info: shapenotesscotland@gmail.com

Sat., 12th—Shenandoah Harmony Singing—University Baptist Church, 1219 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota—9:00 a.m.—*Shenandoah Harmony*—Saturday before the second Sunday, after July 4—Info: <http://www.freude.com/fasola>

Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th—Cullman County Singing Convention—Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Ave., SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055—9:30 a.m.—On Hwy 31, three blocks south of intersection of Hwy 31 and Hwy 278—Second Sunday and Saturday before in July—Info: shapenotesingsings.com

Sun., 13th—Montreal All-Day Singing—Sunday, Montreal Centre Culturel Georges Vanier—10:00 a.m.—Second Sunday in July—Info: montrealsacredharp@gmail.com

Sun., 13th—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, 3965 Glenwood Rd, Decatur (DeKalb County), Georgia—Preaching at 10:30 a.m.—Lunch at 12:15—Singing 1:15 p.m.—*J.L. White Book*—From I-285, exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. go 1.4 miles. church is on left. From I-20, exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd, go 4.2 miles, church is on right. The church is between Columbia Dr and Candler Rd.

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Thu., 17th—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Loeb Reception Center (near Kiwanis Park), 310 Columbus Ave., Montgomery, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition, The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper edition, *The Christian Harmony*, 2010, *The Colored Sacred Harp*—Sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture—Bring a sack lunch for the noon lunch break—Always held on the third Thursday in July—Info: shapenotesingsings.com

Sat., 19th—Walker County Convention—First Presbyterian Church (PCA), Jasper, AL—Info: Glenn Keeton

Sat., 19th—Michiana Singing—Fairview Grange, 22482 County Road 45, Goshen, Indiana—9:30 a.m.—Wilden Avenue in Goshen is County Road 45. Fairview Grange is in Dunlap 0.7 miles southeast of Ox Bow Park.—Info: Samuel Sommers

Sat., 19th—Melbourne All-Day Singing—Melbourne, Australia—Info: Shawn Whelan/Natalie Sims/sacred_harp@yahoo.com.au

Sat., 19th—Jeremiah Ingalls and Sacred Harp Singing—Newbury Center Town House, 4504 Scotch Hollow Rd, Newbury, Vermont—10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Saturday before the third Sunday in July—Info: j.l.squizzero@gmail.com

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—Rocky Mountain Convention—Colorado Session--Location to be announced—9:00 a.m.—Saturday, *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, Sunday, *Cooper Book*—Third Sunday and Saturday before in July—Info: coloradofasola@gmail.com or sacredharpcolorado.org or FB

Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th—Gwehelog Singing Weekend—Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, nr Usk, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—Saturday, *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, Sunday, *Christian Harmony*—Third Sunday and Saturday before in July—Info: <http://bristolsacredharp.org>

Sun., 20th—Kalamazoo Singing—Carriage Barn, part of the Drake Farm Homestead—9:30 a.m. EDT—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—927 North Drake Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009—Third Sunday in July—Info: Martha Beverly or fasolamichigan.org

Sun., 20th—Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Singing—New Prospect Church, Near Bremen, Cullman County, Alabama—From Cullman, Take Hwy. 69 south—Go past landfill—Take County Road 8 south—Go 1 mile (First paved road)—Take left and go 0.6 miles.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 25th - Sun., 27th—Maine Summer Singing—Friday night, Bristol Mills, Maine, Saturday, Union Town House, Maine, and Sunday, Topsham Grange, Maine—Friday night 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.—Friday night, *Cooper Book*, Saturday, *The Sacred Harp, 1991 edition*, Sunday, *DH Mansfield American Vocalist*—Info: <http://maineshapenotesinging.org>

Sat., 26th—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama 35621—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From Alabama Hwy 67, turn on Gum Pond Road near mile marker 16 between Ryan and Florette. Go about 4 miles to the church. From Alabama Hwy 69 at Fairview, turn north on County Road 1527 (Wesley Ave, north) and go about 3.5 miles, turn right onto County Road 1544, and go about 3.5 miles to church.—Info: judycaudle@gmail.com

Sat., 26th—Covington County Convention—Covington County, Alabama. Location varies each year.—Cooper Revision—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sat., 26th—Swannanoa Gathering Singing—Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony/Southern Harmony*—Coincides with summer programs at college. Be sure to check listings for date changes.—Info: shapenotesingings.com

Sun., 27th—Mt. Zion Memorial—Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 49 North Prospect Ave., Mt. Zion (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—In Mt. Zion at crossroads of Hwy 16/Mt. Zion Road and Prospect Ave., turn north onto North Prospect Ave., and drive 400 feet to church on right.

Sun., 27th—Peter Golden Memorial Singing—Topsham Grange, Topsham, Maine—9:00 a.m.—Maine Composers—Info: sksandberg@gmail.com

August

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 2nd—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area, Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—First Saturday in August—Info: Karen Stingle

Sat., 2nd—Lunsford and Jolly Memorial—Christ Lutheran Church, 4761 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, San Diego, California—Info: bayareasacredharp.org

Sat., 2nd—Mobile Sacred Harp All-Day Singing—Government Street United Methodist Church, Mobile, Alabama—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The B.F.*

White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition—Saturday before the first Sunday in August—
Info: Kevin Dyess and shapenotesings.com

Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd—Chattahoochee Sacred Harp Convention—Wilson's Chapel, Southeast of Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—9:30 a.m.—From the southeastern section of 166 (Carrollton bypass) turn south on OLD Newnan Road, at fork, bear left onto Cross Plains Rd—at three way intersection, bear right onto dirt road, Chapel on left.—From Alabama—Exit I20 at US Hwy 27, turn right, go about 10 miles, turn left at light onto Linda Lane, continue several miles until light at Old Newnan Road, turn left, after passing Cross Plains on right, keep straight after sharp curve, Chapel on left—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

Sun., 3rd—Bulgar-Cockcroft Memorial—Red Oak Church, Hwy 55 between Andalusia and Florala, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—
Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 9th—Calhoun County Convention—Mount Herman Primitive Baptist Church, near Vardaman, Mississippi—9:30 a.m.—Info: Warren Steel

Sat., 9th—Ann Sleeva Memorial Cooper Book Singing—Chicago, Illinois—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: <http://chicagosings.com>

Sat., 9th—Winchester Singing—Winchester, United Kingdom—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: <http://ukshapenote.org.uk/>

Sat., 9th & Sun., 10th—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Civic Center, 1500 Lake Forest Parkway, Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—
Info: singsings.texasfasola.org

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 16th—Ramah Singing—Ramah Primitive Baptist Church, Lenox (Conecuh County), Ala.—*Cooper Book*—On County Hwy. 6, about 4 miles west of I-65 near Lenox—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sat., 16th—B.M. Smith and Philip Denney Memorial Singing—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—I-20, Georgia, exit 11--US Hwy 27 south for about 13.5 miles, passing through Carrollton—turn right on Oak Grove Road and go about 1/2 miles. Turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about 1/2 miles, church is on the left.—Info: Karis Askin and Isaac Green

Sat., 16th—Mt. Rainier Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—*Cooper Book*—Info: Karen Willard

Sat., 16th & Sun., 17th—Berlin Singing Weekend—Location to be announced, Berlin, Germany—Saturday 10:30 a.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m.—Saturday: *The Shenandoah Harmony* and Sunday: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 edition*—Info: Caro Stamm-Reush or sacredharpberlin@gmail.com

Sun., 17th—Willard Birthday Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

Sun., 17th—Cleburne County Convention—This singing has been combined with the Labor Day Singing at Shoal Creek—Info: Cecil Roberts

Sun., 17th—Emma Beasley, Belton Beasley, and Phillip Lee, III Memorial—Concord Church, Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—From Hwy 78 in Winfield, take Hwy 129 North, turn west onto County Road 14, then left at the church sign. Church is 0.7 mile on right.—Info: Marlin Beasley

Sun., 17th—Mt Pisgah/Cedar Creek Singing—Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Sylvester, Georgia—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—10 miles southwest of Sylvester. From I-75, take Hwy 112 to Ashburn and through Sylvester. Turn left on Evergreen/Docrun Road. Go 5.5 miles, the church will be on the right.—Third Sunday in August—Info: omcguire@pstel.net or Tim Meeks

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 23rd—Palo Alto Singing—UU Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, California—Info: bayareasacredharp.org

Sat., 23rd—Cork All-Day Singing—St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Dean Street, Cork, Ireland—Info: corksacredharp@gmail.com

Sat., 23rd—Floyd County All-Day Singing—Savitz Barn, 326 Dreamers Lane, Floyd, VA 24091—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Shenandoah Harmony*—Info: chrisfromground2plate@gmail.com or 276-229-2394

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Central Ontario Convention—Saturday-Friends House, 60 Lowther Ave. Toronto (singing school Friday night) and Sunday-Detweiler Meetinghouse, 3445 Roseville Road, North Dumfries Township (near Kitchener/Waterloo), Ontario, Canada—9:30 a.m. EDT—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Shenandoah Harmony*—Fourth Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in August—Info: torontoshapenote.org / FB

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, *Cooper Book*, *J.L. White Book*, and *Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis

Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church, Near Collinsville, DeKalb County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From I-59 take exit 205 onto Hwy 68 east, follow signs to US Hwy 11 and continue south. Look for sign to church between mile marker 210 and 211 (turn is almost directly in line with mile mark 211, Hwy 469). Go 2.6 miles, follow signs—Info: Rodney Ivey

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 30th—Young People's Singing—Los Angeles, California, Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday following July 4—Info: shapenotesings.com

Sat., 30th—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport, Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st—Southwest Texas Convention, Fall Session—Jarrell, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving (August, September, or October)—Info: singings.texasfasola.org

Sun., 31st—Lacy Memorial Singing—Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Just off AL Hwy. 117—1 mile north from intersection of Alabama Highways. 117 and 75—Church is just west of AL Hwy. 117—Follow sign—First fifth Sunday after July 4th—Info: Reba Windom

Sun., 31st—Old Chicora (Hillsborough County)—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 17385 Bethlehem Rd, Lithia, Florida 33547—*Cooper Book*—Bethlehem Rd. (between Hwy 37 and Hwy 39—one mile north of Hwy 674—five miles east of Fort Lonesome) Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—Info: skyami89@gmail.com or jerilcannen@gmail.com

Sun., 31st—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—Island Park, Geneva, Illinois—11:30 a.m.—Always the Sunday before Labor Day—Info: <http://chicagosings.com>

September

First Sunday and Saturday before

Mon., 1st—Labor Day

Mon., 1st—Labor Day Singing and Cleburne County Convention—Shoal Creek Church, Talladega National Forest, Near Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—From West to East: Take Hwy. 78 east to Heflin and then into Edwardsville—Go through Edwardsville, just past mile marker 183, and turn north onto County Road 61 which is directly across the road from the volunteer fire department. There is a sign for Talladega National Forest—Go 5.6 miles, cross the

creek, go 0.4 miles and look for a sign for the church. Turn right at the church sign onto a dirt road leading to the church—Info: Cecil Roberts

Sat., 6th—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

Sat., 6th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

Sat., 6th—Mulberry River Convention—Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—1991 Edition—9282 Miller Road, Warrior, Alabama. Exit 284 off I-65, turn left off the ramp and then right onto Blount County Road 8. Go approximately 7 miles, turn left on Miller Road, angle right onto County Line Church Road.—Saturday before the first Sunday in September—Info: Danny Creel

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Bob Meek Memorial—Harrods Creek Historic Baptist Church, 8102 Hwy 329, Crestwood, Kentucky 40014—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Saturday before the Second Sunday in September—Info: FB

Sat., 13th—Cooper Book Singing—Little Flock Church, 3218 Molino Road, Molino, Florida—1.5 miles West of US Hwy. 29—
Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sat., 13th—Greenville-Pioneer Day Sacred Harp Singing—The Church of Greenville, fellowship hall, 228 Ladean Court, Simpsonville, South Carolina 29680—10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Saturday before the Second Sunday in September—Info: davefarmer@charter.net or shapenotesingings.com

Sat., 13th—Cape Meares Singing—Community Schoolhouse, Cape Meares, Oregon—Saturday following Labor Day—Info: Betsy Jeronen

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Historic DeKalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Second Sunday and Saturday before in September—Info: shapenotesingings.com

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Sacred Harp Workshop and Singing—Uppsala, Sweden—Info: Hanna Flyckt at hanna.flyckt@ub.uu.se

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—New York City All Day Singing—Brooklyn Friends Meeting, 110 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201—9:30 a.m.—Saturday before the third Sunday in September—Info: sacredharpnewyorkcity@gmail.com

Sat., 20th—Lee Rogers Memorial Singing—Number 3 Railroad Street, Arnoldsville, Georgia 30619—10:00 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Info: Mike Spencer fishman.mds@gmail.com

Sat., 20th—Illinois State Convention—Texas Christian Church 8301 Texas Church Rd, Clinton, Illinois 61727—9:30 a.m.—Sacred Harp, 1991 edition and *Missouri Harmony*—Saturday before the third Sunday in September—Info: Mark Graber mlgraber78@gmail.com or Ryan Hill ryanhill98@hotmail.com

Sat., 20th—Middle Creek Convention—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sat., 20th—Santa Cruz Singing—Garfield Park Community Church, Santa Cruz, California—Info: Ed Rice, edsrice@gmail.com

Sat., 20th & Sun., 21st—United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention—Barley Mow Village Hall, Bedford Ave, Birtley, Chester-le-Street DH3 2AJ, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Third Sunday and Saturday before in September—Info: <http://www.ukshc.org>

Sun., 21st—B.F. White Memorial Sacred Harp Singing—Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, 3965 Glenwood Road, Decatur, Georgia—10:30 a.m.—*J.L. White Book*—From I-285, exit 44, west (toward Atlanta) on Glenwood Rd. go 1.4 miles.

church is on left. From I-20, exit 61, east on Glenwood Rd, go 4.2 miles, church is on right. The church is between Columbia Dr and Candler Rd.—

Info: atlantasacredharp.org

Sun., 21st—William J. Futral Memorial Sacred Harp Singing—Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—From Hwy. 9, turn east in Goodwater on Hackneyville Road—Go approximately 5 miles to County Road 83, turn right (church sign there). Go approximately 0.25 miles, church is on left—

Info: Jack Nelson

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Wed., 17th - Sun., 21st—Camp Fasola Europe—Canceled—for up-to-date information see campfasola.org—Info: David Ivey

Sat., 27th—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Western Carolina University, Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—10:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Christian Harmony*—Always the last Saturday in September—Info: Will Peebles or wpeebles@wcu.edu

Sat., 27th—Nuremberg All-Day Singing—Gustav-Adolf-Gedächtniskirche, Allersberger Str. 116, 90461 Nürnberg, Germany—10:30 a.m.—Saturday before the last Sunday in September—Info: FB group

Sat., 27th—Newton Singing—Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02467—10:00 a.m.—*Norumbega Harmony* and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Sylvia Martin / norumbegaharmony@icloud.com

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Rocky Mountain Convention, New Mexico—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in even years—Info: Claire Singleton / Leslie Alperin

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Minnesota State Convention—Saturday: Location TBA—Sunday: Shakopee, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before—Info: Matt Wells, fasolamatt@yahoo.com

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Alabama State Christian Harmony Convention—Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Christian Harmony*—9282 Miller Road, Warrior, Alabama. Exit 284 off I-65, turn left off the ramp and then right onto Blount County Road 8. Go approximately 7 miles, turn left on Miller Road, angle right onto County Line Church Road.—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September—Info: <http://christianharmony.org/schedule.html>

Sat., 27th & Sun., 28th—Poland Convention—Warsaw, Poland—
Info: <http://www.sacredharp86.org>

Sun., 28th—Winston County Convention—Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama—Take Hwy 278W to Double Springs, Alabama. Turn right onto Hwy 195, go approximately 2 miles, and then right onto County Road 18.

Sun., 28th—Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church Singing—Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church is north of Bowdon, Georgia.—10:00 a.m.—From I-20 take exit 5 at Hwy 100, travel 7.2 miles south. Turn right onto Smithfield Rd. The church is on the right.

October

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 4th—Cooper Book Singing—Shady Grove Baptist Church, Between Dutton and Section, Jackson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—Between Section and Dutton off Alabama Hwy 71 on the west side. Turn at church sign.—Info: Syble Adams

Sat., 4th—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Location to be announced.—Info: Oscar McGuire

Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th—New England Convention—Vermont hosting. Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—First Sunday and Saturday before in October—Info: info@neconvention.net

Sun., 5th—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wootten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, 3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Blount County, Alabama, take Hwy 231, watch for mile marker 248, take road at sign for Robin Hill Baptist Church, go to dead end, turn right, church is on the left.—First Sunday in October—Info: Rebekah Gilmore / shapenotesingings.com

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 11th—Columbia Singing—Dripping Springs Christian Church, 2701 Dripping Springs Rd., Columbia, Missouri—Info: stlfasola.org

Sat., 11th—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—8 miles south of Oxford

Sat., 11th—Sadsbury Cooper Book Singing—Sadsbury Meeting 1089 Simmontown Road, Gap, Pennsylvania 17527—10:00 a.m.—Info: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com

Sat., 11th—Winston-Salem All Day Singing—Fries Memorial Moravian Church, 251 N Hawthorne Rd. Winston-Salem, NC 27104—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Saturday before the second Sunday in October—Info: ncshapenote.org

Sun., 12th—Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia—9:30 a.m. CT—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From I-20, exit # 11, turn south on Hwy 27. Go to top of hill and at service station, turn left. Go to dead end, turn left—Info: Rene Greene or Pam Nunn

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 18th—Tri-State Convention—Traveler's Rest Church—*Cooper Book*—654 Traveler's Rest Road, Samson, Alabama 36477—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

Sat., 18th—Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing—Arlington Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—Info: Barrett Patton, Emily Stutzman

Sat., 18th—Clermont-Ferrand Singing—Location to be announced, Paris, France—Info: Frederic Eymard, frederic.eynard@gmail.com

Sat., 18th—Andrew's Chapel—Upson County, Georgia—6.1 miles southeast of Thomaston on Hwy. 74—Turn right on the Rock Road to first stop sign—Bear left—1 mile to school—Bring covered dish.—Info: Oscar McGuire

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—New York State Convention—Location to be announced.—Third Sunday and Saturday before in October—Info: albanysacredharp.org

Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th—Pacific Northwest Convention, Oregon—Portland, Oregon—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Saturday a.m. devoted to singing school. Regular singing Saturday afternoon and all day singing on Sunday—Info: poshchair@gmail.com

Sun., 19th—Reid Memorial Singing—County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—9282 Miller Road, Warrior, Alabama. Exit 284 off I-65, turn left off the ramp and then right onto Blount County Road 8. Go approximately 7 miles, turn left on Miller Road, angle right onto County Line Church Road.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Fri., 24th & Sat., 25th—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention—United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Friday evening and Saturday—Info: Kari Lundgren

Sat., 25th—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Location to be announced—10:00 a.m.—*Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Decatur, Georgia area—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

Sat., 25th—Putnam, Light, and King Memorial—Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Marshall County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—6 miles northwest of Arab—Turn west off Alabama Hwy 231 onto County Road 418 at Discount Warehouse Grocery, also called Ruth Eddy Road—Church is on the left.

Sat., 25th—The Rust Memorial Singing—Location to be announced—10:00 a.m.—Info: Bloomingtonsacredharp.org

Sat., 25th—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

Sat., 25th—Nebraska All Day Singing—Trinity North Lutheran Church, 6340 North 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: FB

Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th—London Singing—Saturday: Highgate United Reformed Church, Pond Square Chapel, South Grove, London—Sunday: Heath Street Baptist Church basement, 84 Heath Street, London—10:30 a.m.—Saturday: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and Sunday: *Christian Harmony*

Sun., 26th—Fayette County Convention—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—8 miles northwest of Fayette, Alabama. Take State Hwy 18 west from Fayette. Turn right, north, on State Hwy 107. Go approximately 4 miles and turn right at the church sign on Mt. Lebanon Road. The church will be on the left.—Fourth Sunday in October—Info: Lisa Geist

November

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 1st—Dallas Singing—Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, 9027 Midway Rd., Dallas, Texas 75209—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: dndross1968@gmail.com

Sat., 1st—Velton Chafin Memorial Singing—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Jefferson County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book*—2.5 miles southwest of Sumiton, Alabama. Turn off Hwy 78 onto Hollis Goodwin Road, go 0.7 mile (past New Horizon Funeral Home) to McCormick Road, turn left. Church is on the left.—Info: Brenda Chafin

Sat., 1st—Denney Memorial—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Take I-20 to Georgia, exit 11—U.S. Hwy. 27 south for about 13.5 miles—turn right on Oak Grove Road—Go about ½ miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about ½ miles. Church is on the left

Sat., 1st—Hyde Park Singing—Chicago, Illinois—9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—57th Street Meeting of Friends, 5615 S. Woodlawn—Always Saturday before the first Sunday in November—Info: <http://www.chicagosings.org>

Sun., 2nd—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From I-20, exit # 11, turn south on Hwy 27. Go to top of hill and at service station, turn left. Go to dead end, turn left—Info: Phillip Langley

Sun., 2nd—Southeastern Alabama Convention—Pleasant Grove (Carroll Church), Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-sings

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 8th—Helwig-Coghlan Memorial Singing—Davis United Methodist Church, 1620 Anderson Rd, Davis, California 95616—9:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—Info: bayareasacredharp.org

Sat., 8th—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place—Info: trcopes@gmail.com

Sat., 8th—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—Stapleford Baptist Church, Albert St, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom—Info: sacredharp.uk

Sat., 8th—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—Info: FB Richmond Shape Note Singers
Sat., 8th—Berkshire Foothills Singing—Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street, Lenox, MA, see WMSHC.org—10:00 a.m.—Info: wmshc.org
Sat., 8th—All Wisconsin Singing—Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1100 N Astor St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Info: Jim Crawford
Sat., 8th—Kyneton All-Day Singing—Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison St., VIC 3444 Australia—9:30 a.m.—Info: sacredharpaustralia.com
Sun., 9th—State of Alabama Convention—Traveler’s Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Cooper Revision—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 15th—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—Holy Trinity Church Parish Centre, Rothwell, Leeds, UK—Info: sacredharp.uk
Sat., 15th—Georgian Harmony Singing—Number 3 Railroad Street, Arnoldsville, Georgia—Info: Oscar McGuire / omcquire@pstel.net
Sun., 16th—Davis Memorial—Historic Sugar Valley Baptist Church, 4380 Sugar Valley Road, NW, Sugar Valley, Georgia 30746—10:00 a.m.—GPS: 34.574923, -85.024869 (the historic church building, not the active First Baptist Church.) Go to the intersection of Hill City Rd and Sugar Valley Rd NW.—Info: Judy Mincey
Sun., 16th—Wakefield Memorial—King School House (Mt. Vernon), near Lynn, Winston County, Alabama—Near Natural Bridge, Alabama. Take Hwy 278W. Turn onto County Road 357 between mile markers 30 and 31.

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 22nd—Thanksgiving Sacred Harp Singing—Jordans Village Hall, Green Road West, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom—10:30 a.m.—Info: sacredharp.uk
Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd—Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Convention—Southside Community Center, 2142 AL Hwy 77, Southside, AL 35907—9:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November—Info: shapenotesingsings.com or David@davidivey.com
Sat., 22nd—Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) Annual Meeting—Southside Community Center, 2142 AL Hwy 77, Southside, AL 35907—2:00 p.m.—Meeting follows Saturday singing session—Info: David Ivey, David@DavidIvey.com or 256-258-8660

Fifth Sunday and Saturday before

Thu., 27th—Thanksgiving Day
Sun., 30th—Old Chicora (Hillsborough County)—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 17385 Bethlehem Rd, Lithia, Florida 33547—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Bethlehem Rd. (between Hwy 37 and Hwy 39—one mile north of Hwy 674—five miles east of Fort Lonesome) Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—Info: skyami89@gmail.com or jerilclemney@gmail.com

December

First Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 6th—Lehigh Valley Singing (Shenandoah Harmony)—Bethlehem, PA, location TBA—10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—First Saturday in December—Info: pennsylvaniasacredharp.com
Sat., 6th & Sun., 7th—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Location to be announced—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings
Sun., 7th—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—From Hwy 78

in Winfield, take Hwy 129 North, turn west onto County Road 14, then left at the church sign. Church is 0.7 mile on right.

Second Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 13th—Schoolhouse Singing—Lynd Schoolhouse, 723 North Lynd Rd., Orleans, Indiana—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—Info: Adrian Eldridge, Erin Fulton

Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th—Georgia State Christian Harmony Convention—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Info: Mike Spencer or John Plunkett

Sun., 14th—Mt. Zion Methodist Church—Mercer County, Kentucky—3:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Southern Harmony*—South side of US 68 between Harrodsburg and Lexington, 3.5 miles west of Kentucky River bridge at top of palisades—Info: Jim and Marcy Thobaben

Third Sunday and Saturday before

Sat., 20th—Christmas Singing—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Cooper Revision—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singsings

Sun., 21st—(No listings)

Fourth Sunday and Saturday before

Wed., 24th & Thu., 25th—Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Sat., 27th, 5:30 p.m.—Barrett's Singing—Liberty Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, Henagar, Alabama—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—1500 Liberty Road, Henagar, Alabama 35978—Info: shapenotesingsings.com or FB events

Wed., 31st, 7:00 p.m.—Wootten Family New Year's Eve Singing—Antioch Baptist Church, Ider (DeKalb County), Alabama—Info: Terry Wootten

FIFTH SATURDAY/SUNDAY SINGINGS

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| First Fifth Weekend | Saturday, March 29 Sunday, March 30 |
| Second Fifth Weekend | Saturday, June 28 Sunday, June 29 |
| Third Fifth Weekend | Saturday, August 30 Sunday, August 31 |
| Fourth Fifth Weekend | Saturday, November 29 Sunday, November 30 |

First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday each year—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*

Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday each year—*The Georgian Harmony*—

Info: atlantasacredharp.org or John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

Old Chicora (Hillsborough County)—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 17385 Bethlehem Rd, Lithia, Florida 33547—Bethlehem Rd. (between Hwy 37 and Hwy 39—one mile north of Hwy 674—five miles east of Fort Lonesome) Old Chicora, Florida—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Skylar Strickland, skyami89@gmail.com or Janice Clenney, jerilclenney@gmail.com

Ivey Memorial—Liberty Church, Henagar, Alabama—First fifth Sunday of year

Southwest Texas Convention—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, McMahan, Texas—First fifth Sunday in the spring (March or later)—*Cooper Book*

Second Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Old Chicora (Hillsborough County)—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 17385 Bethlehem Rd, Lithia, Florida 33547—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Skylar Strickland, skyami89@gmail.com or Janice Clenney, jerilclenney@gmail.com

Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—2026 return to First fifth Sunday and Saturday before after Labor Day—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*—

Info: <https://atlantasacredharp.org/> Lauren Bock or Shawn Taylor

Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Young People's Singing—Los Angeles, California—Saturday before first fifth Sunday after July 4th

Lacy Memorial Singing—Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama—First fifth Sunday after July 4th—Info: shapenotesinging.com

Old Chicora (Hillsborough County)—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 17385 Bethlehem Rd, Lithia, Florida 33547—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Skylar Strickland, skyami89@gmail.com or Janice Clenney, jerilclenney@gmail.com

Southwest Texas Convention, Fall Session—Jarrell, Texas—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving—*Cooper Book*

Fourth Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)

Old Chicora (Hillsborough County)—Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, 17385 Bethlehem Rd, Lithia, Florida 33547—Fifth Sundays—*Cooper Book*—Info: Skylar Strickland, skyami89@gmail.com or Janice Clenney, jerilclenney@gmail.com

LOCAL SINGINGS

Alabama

Birmingham: First Tuesday night—6:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Southside Baptist Church, 19th Street and 11th Avenue South, near Five Points—Info: Tom Booth / Elene Stovall

Fairhope: Third Friday—6:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Cooper Book:* —The Ballroom at Homestead Village, 924 Plantation Blvd., Fairhope, Alabama 36532—Info: Kevin Dyess or facebook.com/ESSacredHarp

Fayette: Second Sunday night—6:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Mt. Lebanon Church—Bluff Road off Hwy. 107—8 miles northwest of Fayette—Info: Larry Ballinger

Henagar: First Sunday night, October through April—5:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Liberty Church—Info: Rodney Ivey or David Ivey

Huntsville: Monday Night, February 3, April 7, August 4, and November 3—6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Burritt Museum—3101 Burritt Drive, on Monte Sano Mountain—Take U.S. 431 south (Governors Drive) to top of Monte Sano Mountain—Turn north onto Monte Sano Boulevard—Turn onto Burritt Drive—Info: David Ivey

Ider: Second Sunday night, October through March—*1991 Edition:* —Antioch Church—5 miles north of Ider—Left on Hwy. 75—Info: Terry Wootten

Ider: Last Tuesday night of each month, March through October—6:30 p.m.—Senior Center, Ider, Alabama—Info: Tom George, Rodney Ivey

Jasper: Saturday night before second Sunday in January—Memorial Singing—*1991 Edition:* —Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Boldo Community—5 miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

Mobile: Fourth Friday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Cooper Revision:* —Government Street United Methodist Church, 901 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604—Info: Kevin Dyess or facebook.com/MobileSacredHarp

Alaska

Anchorage: Second and fourth Sundays—7:00 p.m.—call or email for location—Info: John David Thacker

Fairbanks: Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Info: Charley Basham or Robert Sullivan.

Sitka: Second Sunday—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Sitka Pioneers Home Chapel—Info: Kari Lundgren

Arizona

Phoenix: Second Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Foothills Community Church, 700 S. Hamilton St, Chandler, 85225—Info: Face Book Page

Tucson: Most first and Third Saturdays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—Info: Paige Winslett, tucsonfasola@earthlink.net

Arkansas

Big Fork: First Sunday—2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby or Flora Burns

Mena: Second and Fourth Thursdays—6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Info: Verla Huckaby

Springdale: Second Sundays—1:30-4:00 p.m.—General Store at the Shiloh Museum, 118 West Johnson Ave.—Info: Sydney Caldwell

California

Claremont: Fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Ave—Info: Church office 909.624.9693, please call to confirm

Davis: First Saturday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Davis Friends Meeting, 345 L Street, Davis, CA 95616—Info: bayareasacredharp.org

Los Angeles (Culver City): Every Thursday—7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Shenandoah Harmony*: —Info: David Olson, david@thirdculture.com

Los Angeles (East side): First Sunday—3:30-6:00 p.m.—Info: Mary Rose O’Leary

Los Angeles (West side): Third Sunday—3:00-5:50 p.m.—Info: Laura Boyd Russell

Los Angeles (Santa Monica): Saturday before fourth Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Learners Workshop style—Info: Laura Boyd Russell

San Diego: Most Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: www.sdfasola.org

San Francisco: First and Third Sundays—12:00-2:00 p.m.—Info: Location details and COVID precautions: Leigh Cooper or bayareasacredharp.org

San Francisco Bay (Peninsula/South Bay): Second and Fourth Sundays—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd, Palo Alto—Info: Paul Kostka or bayareasacredharp.org

San Francisco Bay Area-Berkeley: Every Monday—7:00-9:00p.m.—Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 1823 Ninth St, Berkeley—Info: Details and COVID precautions: Lindy Groening or bayareasacredharp.org

Santa Cruz: Second and Fourth Thursday—7:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Shelley Phillips

Colorado

Arkansas Valley: First Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—*seven shape Old Baptist Hymns*: —417 Carson Ave, La Junta, CO—Info: Pete Mathewson

Boulder: Second and Fourth Mondays—6:30-9:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition, Cooper Revision*: —First Congregational Church, 1128 Pine St.—Info: stephanie.fida@gmail.com or sacredharpcolorado.org

Colorado Springs: First Thursday—5:30-7:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition, Cooper Revision*: —Cornerstone Arts Center, Colorado College, 825 N Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903—Info: dakotafuller@gmail.com or marymargaretalvarado@yahoo.com or FB

Denver: First and Third Mondays—6:30-9:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition, Norumbega, Cooper, and Christmas Harp in season*: —First Baptist Church, 1373 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado. The Denver group is also delighted to arrange special singings for out-of-town visitors to the Denver/Boulder area whenever possible.—Info: Sharon Kermiet or coral96@indra.com

Connecticut

Middletown: First and third Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—*Shenandoah Harmony*: —Church of the Holy Trinity, 381 Main St. (enter through south “Meeting Rooms” side doors).—Info: jonasori@gmail.com or joshuarushbarnett@gmail.com

New Haven: Second and fourth Tuesday (except late December when Yale is closed)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Room 106, Stoeckel Hall, 469 College Street—Info: www.yale.edu/ynhrs or charlesbiada@gmail.com

Newtown, other places: Meets occasionally—Connecticut Valley Harmony (performance group).

District of Columbia

Capitol Hill: Third Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE. Washington, D.C.—Info: silvermanalexa@gmail.com / dcshapenote.squarespace.com / DC Shape note facebook page

Florida

Gainesville: Sunday after third Saturday (except December)—3:30-5:30 p.m.—Episcopal Church of the Mediator, 501 NE Chokolka Boulevard, Micanopy—Info: fayb@myfastmail.com

Jacksonville: Sundays after fourth Saturday (November and December schedules may vary)—3:00 p.m.—St. John's Lutheran Church, 1950 Silver Street—Info: Vik Slen, vikslen@gmail.com

Orlando: Second Sunday—1:00-3:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 4917 Eli St, Orlando, Florida—Info: respeer@gmail.com

Pensacola: Second Friday—5:30-7:30 p.m.—*Cooper Revision:* —Grace Hall at Grace Community Church, 1114 East Olive Road, Pensacola—Info: Ryan Bowman or facebook.com/PensacolaSacredHarp

Tallahassee: First Friday—7:00 p.m.—*Multiple Books:* —Tallahassee Friends Meetinghouse, 2001 S. Magnolia Dr—Info: Morgan Bunch tallafala@gmail.com

Tallahassee: Third Friday—7:00 p.m.—*Cooper Revision:* —Tallahassee Friends Meetinghouse, 2001 S. Magnolia Dr—Info: Morgan Bunch tallafala@gmail.com

Georgia

Albany: Third Saturday except December—6:00-8:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St. (enter through bell tower doors)—Info: Laurin Harrison

Atlanta: First Thursday of each month, except July and December—7:00 - 9:00 p.m.—Robinson Fellowship Hall of Emory Presbyterian Church, 1886 North Decatur Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307. Park behind the church, off Westminster Way. GPS: 33.793026,-84.314542—Info: Jim Neal at jim_neal@bellsouth.net, or Amy Wells, amyarmstrongmidwife@gmail.com

Atlanta: Third Sunday—6:00 p.m. Singing School—6:30 p.m. singing—Church of Our Saviour, 1068 North Highland Ave., NE—Info: Amy Armstrong Wells or Jesse P. Karlsberg

Athens: Monthly evening singings, dates and locations vary—Info: John Hollingsworth

Dahlonega: second and fourth Tuesday—7:00-8:30 p.m.—*Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition:* —St. Elizabeth Episcopal, 1188 Hamp Mill Rd, Dahlonega, Georgia 30533—Info: Esther Morgan-Ellis

Hoboken: Saturday before the third Sunday in each month—7:00 p.m.—Hoboken Elementary School—Take 82 East to Hoboken to the second caution light—Turn left on Kelly—Cross R.R. tracks—Take second paved street to the left—Go to the end of the block—The school and parking are on the right—Info: David/Kathy Lee Clarke/Julie Lee

Savannah: Saturday before second Sunday each month—1:00-3:00 p.m.—The Whitefield Center, 106 East 37th Street—Info: Dawn Stanford, dawnipawni@gmail.com facebook.com/groups/savannahsacredharp/

Valdosta: First Friday night every month—7:00-9:00 p.m.—*Cooper Book:* —VSU Music Annex, 1603 North Patterson—Info: Steven Taylor

Illinois

Chicago area: Second and fourth Sunday of each month—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Info: Susan Geil

Chicago (North Side): First and Third Sundays—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Various locations—Info: www.chicagosingings.org

Decatur: Third Sunday in February, May, August and November—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Rock Springs Nature Center—Info: Terry Hogg

Hyde Park/Chicago: Every Thursday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Location varies—
Info: www.chicagosings.org
Urbana: Third Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—First United Methodist Church—
Info: MaryE Yeomans or Terry Hogg

Indiana

Bloomington: Second, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—520 W. 6th St, Bloomington, Indiana 47404 (Blue house on corner of 6th and Jackson Sts., come in back door—Info: Shannon Tibbs / 42clamanda@gmail.com

Goshen: First Sunday in each month (except January and July)—3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—Vista Community Health Center, 808 N 3rd Street, Goshen—Info: Samuel Sommers

Howard County: Second Sunday afternoon of each month—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Bahler residence—4903 N. County Road 200 E., Howard County, near Kokomo—Info: Brad Bahler

Indianapolis: First Saturday—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Benjamin Harrison House basement—ask at Visitor Center for help finding—Info: Indy Sacred Harp on Facebook, or Thomas Smith, 812-340-4255

Indianapolis: Third Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—North Meadow Circle of Friends—Info: Indy Sacred Harp on Facebook, or Thomas Smith, 812-340-4255

Iowa

Cedar Rapids: Second Saturdays—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Kenwood Park United Methodist Church, 175 34th St. NE (entrance and parking on north side)—Info: Bruce Western / sacredharpiowa@gmail.com

Fairfield: Every Sunday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Jennifer Hamilton

Kansas

Lawrence: Third Sunday—1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.—usually at Oread Friend Meeting building, 1146 Oregon Street—Info: Brad Levy

Kentucky

Berea: First and third Sunday—1:30-3:00 p.m.—Union Church—Corner of Main and Prospect (enter from parking lot by ramp—Info: Kent Gilbert

Lexington: Second Sunday, September through May—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Niles Center of the Lucille Little Library at the University of Kentucky—Info: Mary Brinkman, mary.brinkman@uky.edu

Louisville: Third Sunday—2:30-4:30 p.m.—Ohio Valley Shape Note Singers—Vine Street Baptist Church—Info: Michele Cull

Whitesburg: First Saturdays—12:00-2:00 p.m.—Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Whitesburg Campus, 2 Long Ave—Info: Paul Dean Adams / boxcar1936@gmail.com

Whitesburg: Third Tuesdays—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Whitesburg Campus, 2 Long Ave—Info: Paul Dean Adams / boxcar1936@gmail.com

Louisiana

Baton Rouge: Fourth Sunday—2:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Alban's Chapel on the LSU campus—Info: Charlene Heaton

New Orleans: Alternate Tuesdays—6:00-8:00 p.m.—St. Luke Assembly of God, 2201 Franklin Ave, use Miro St. side entrance—Info: Ateven (504.408.8230), ateven@gmail.com, or [NewOrleansShapeNoteSingsings Facebook page](#)

Maryland

Baltimore: Fourth Tuesday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Shenandoah Harmony*: —Four Hour Day Lutherie, 4305 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214—Info: Nora or Isaac at baltimoreshapenote@gmail.com
Easton: Info: <https://www.marylandshapenote.org/easton/>

Massachusetts

Amherst: First Sundays—2:00-4:30 p.m.—*Multiple Books*: —The Octagon on the Amherst College Campus—Info: Linda Shea
Boston (Newton): Second Monday—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond St. Newton, MA 02467—Info: Sylvia Martin, norumbegaharmony@icloud.com

Boston (Charlestown): Second Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 Devens St, Charlestown 02129—Info: MB Gowins or www.bostonsacredharp.org

Boston (Beacon Hill): Third Thursdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Shenandoah Harmony*: —Beacon Hill Friend Meeting, 8 Chestnut St—Info: Michael Brown

Boston (Cambridge): Wednesdays after first and third Sunday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Harvard Divinity Hall, 14 Divinity Ave—Please check in advance—Info: Patrick Burrows or Micah John Walter or www.bostonsacredharp.org

Greenfield: Fifth Sundays—1:30-4:30 p.m., location varies—*Cooper Book*: —Info: Sheila Kelley or www.wmshc.org

Lenox: Third Sunday—Singing School 1:00-2:00 p.m.—Regular Singing 2:00-4:00 p.m.—55 Main St—Info: Allison Steel

Leyden: Every fifth Thursday—Potluck supper at 6:00 p.m.—singing from 7:00-10:00 p.m.—*Various books used*: —910 Greenfield Rd.—Info: Laura Timmerman

Newburyport: Third Sunday—3:00-5:30 p.m.—*1991 edition and Cooper revision*: —Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St.—Info: Chris Noren

Northampton: Every Tuesday—7:00-10:00 p.m.—Helen Hills Chapel, Smith College—Info: Linda Shea

Michigan

Ann Arbor: Second Sunday—1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.—The Ark Coffeehouse—316 S. Main—(734.761.1800)—Info: Charlotte Wolfe

Detroit: First Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave—Info: Jamie Yeats

East Lansing: First & third Mondays—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Edgewood United Church, 469 North Hagadorn Rd—Info: Bob Borcharding

Grand Rapids: First Saturdays—9:30-11:15 a.m.—Christ Church, 2500 Breton Rd, SE—Info: Susan Guerra

Kalamazoo: Third Sunday—4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.—Pot luck dinner following—4124 Persionwood Drive in the Garden Homes behind Friendship Village, 1400 N. Drake Rd—Info: Martha Beverly

Lake Orion: Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—St. Mary's In-The-Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Ct—Info: Jamie Yeats

Minnesota

Duluth: First Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Duluth Friends Meeting House, 1802 East First St—Info: Larry Spears

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Tuesday nights—5:30-7:30 p.m.—*Cooper Book*: —University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Third Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—*Shenandoah Harmony*: —University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Minneapolis (Dinkytown): Fourth Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—*Cooper Book*: —University Baptist Church—1219 University Ave. SE—near the campus of the University of Minnesota—Info: Matt Wells

Northfield: Second Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Cannon Valley Friends Meetinghouse, 512 Washington St.

Minneapolis (Saint Paul): Second Sundays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Saint Sahag's Armenian Church, 203 N. Howell Street—Info: Matt Wells mnfasola.org

Mississippi

Bruce: Third Sundays, November through March—1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Bethel Primitive Baptist Church—Info: Warren Steel or Mark Davis

Jackson: Second Wednesday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—Beit Ha Torah Messianic Synagogue, Florence. Call for directions—Info: Mark Davis / Henry McGuire

Missouri

Cape Girardeau Area: Second Saturday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Missouri Harmony*: —Cape Girardeau County History Center, 102 S High St, Jackson, MO—Info: claytonjhester@gmail.com or 573-275-4138

Columbia: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.—Trinity Presbyterian Church—Rollins Rd.—Info: Wendy Hofmann or Penny/Lou Kujawinski

Bowling Green: Second Saturday (except March, May, and September)—2:30-5:00 p.m.—Siloam Church / Old Paths Bible Church, outside of Bowling Green—Info: Tommy Schultz

Kansas City: See listing under Lawrence, Kansas

St Louis: First, third, and fifth Mondays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—*Sacred Harp, 1991 edition and Missouri Harmony, 2005*: —Info: Paul Figura / stlfasola@gmail.com / Dave Ressler / www.stlfasola.org

Montana

Billings: Third Sundays—3:30-5:00 p.m.—St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 180 S. 24th Street West (enter through south door)—Info: Gayla Bradberry

Missoula: Occasional singings—Info: Beverly Young

Nebraska

Omaha: Second Sunday of the month—1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.—St. Vincent's Orthodox Church—2502 North 51st Street—Info: Jim Solheim, jim@jamesolheim.com

New Hampshire

Hanover: Second Thursdays—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Hanover Friends Meetinghouse—Info: Dan Hertzler

Jackson: Second and fourth Thursdays—6:00-9:00 p.m.—*Please call or email ahead as location varies*: —Whitney Community Center, 10 Black Mountain Road or Old Jackson Library, 125 Main Street—Info: Carly Goss or Chris McKnight or singers @northcountryrsing.com

Nelson: Second Saturday and fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.—Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, Lower Level, 1 Nelson Common Road, Nelson, New Hampshire 03457—Info: Monadnock Folklore Society (603)762-0235, shapenote@monadnockfolk.org

New Jersey

Princeton: Third Sunday—1:30-3:30 p.m.—October-July (no singing in August and September)—Lawrenceville School Chapel, Craven Lane at Rt. 206 in Lawrenceville—Info: Leon Pulsinelle

Upper Montclair: Fourth Sunday—2:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Montclair Friends Meetinghouse—289 Park Street—Info: Gina Balestracci

New Mexico

Albuquerque: Second and fourth Sundays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Cumberland Heights Presbyterian church 8600 Academy Rd NE 87111—Info: Nancy Nortz / Leslie Alperin / Claire Singleton

Las Cruces: Second and fourth Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive—Info: Eric Morgan or Donna Sewell

Las Cruces: First Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Hallmark at the Village community room, 2880 N Roadrunner Pkwy—Info: Eric Morgan or Donna Sewell

Santa Fe: Every Thursday—5:30-7:30 p.m.—The Open Circle Church, meeting room, 645 Webber St., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505—Info: porterlu@gmail.com

New York

New York City Singings: Information—Info: nycsacredharp.com or Facebook

Albany (Schenectady): Every Saturday—1:00-3:00 p.m.—St. George's Episcopal Church, 30 N Ferry St, Schenectady, New York—Info: Tarik Wareh/
albanyacredharp.org

Altamont: Old Songs Festival (June)—Altamont Fairgrounds—Altamont, New York—Morning singing, workshops—Always held the last full weekend in June, the last Sunday and the Friday and Saturday before.

Annandale-on-Hudson: Every Sunday—12:30-2:30 p.m.—Bard Hall at Bard College—Info: Keillor Mose, km6697@bard.edu, Ezekiel Rosenberg, er4196@bard.edu, Jonathan Mildner, jm2801@bard.edu

Bovina: Second Tuesday—6:00-8:30 p.m.—United Presbyterian Church, Bovina Center—Info: sacredharpcatskills@gmail.com

Chestnut Ridge: Tuesdays—7:30-8:30 p.m.—Hilltop—Info: Joel Franklin

Clinton: First Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. James Episcopal Church—9 Williams St.—Info: Barbara Swetman or Margaret and Ron Bornick

Huntington Station: Second Sunday—1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Bethany Presbyterian Church—425 Maplewood Road—Info: Terry Ryan

Ithaca: First and Third Thursday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—120 3rd St, Ithaca, New York 14850 or small pavilion at Stewart Park (weather dependent)—Info: Ginny Huszagh, (607) 738-1815, vhuszagh@aol.com

Kingston: Meets twice a month on Second Wednesday and Fourth Tuesday—7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Holy Cross Episcopal Church—Info: Jim Ulrich

New York City (Brooklyn): Second Sundays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—*The Joe Beasley Singing, Denson, Cooper, Shenandoah Harmony*: —St. Paul's Episcopal Church—199 Carroll Street (near the corner of Clinton Street; singing is upstairs in parish house)—Info: Nancy Mandel, nbm327@gmail.com

New York City (Greenwich Village, Manhattan): Wednesdays weekly—6:30-8:30 p.m.—St. John's Lutheran Church, 81 Christopher St (between Bleecker & W. 4th Streets, near 7th Ave. S)—Info: Jason Steidl Jack, jsteidl@siny.edu

New York City (Gramercy, Manhattan): Saturday before Fourth Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—*7 shape Christian Harmony and gospel*: —Menno House, 314 E 19th St (between 1st & 2nd Aves)

Plattsburgh: Sunday (floating)—1-4:30 p.m.—Unitarian Universalist Church—4 Palmer St.—we have refreshment break—Info: Bruce Kokernot

Rochester: Second Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—Mennonite Fellowship Church—111 Hillside Ave.—Rochester, New York (14610 between Winton Road and Norris Drive, next to School #1)—Info: Chris Haller or Thom Metzger or Sue Hengelsberg
Syracuse: Second Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—May Memorial UU Society, 3800 East Genesee St—Info: <http://sacredharp.wix.com/syracuse>
Woodstock: Fourth Wednesday—6:00-8:30 p.m.—Edwina and Tom Unrath, 57 Harmati Lane, Shady, NY, 845-679-1273

North Carolina

Asheville: second and fourth Thursday—6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Singing School 6:00 p.m.—*Christian Harmony:* —40 Church St, Asheville, North Carolina 28801—Info: Clarke Williams

Charlotte: Date and location vary—Info: Facebook

Durham: Second Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—First Presbyterian Church, 305 E. Main St.—Info: ncshapenote.org

Durham: Wednesday evenings—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Kathy Kaiser

Raleigh: Fourth Sunday—1:50-3:50 p.m.—Mordecai Historic Park, One Mimosa St.—Info: ncshapenote.org, Lynda Hambourger

Swannanoa: Third Sunday, September to April—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Kittredge Recital Hall, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina—Info: smkehrberg@gmail.com

Wilmington: Last Sunday of the month—2:00-4:00 p.m.; Beginner's instruction at 1:30—Cameron Art Museum, 3201 S. 17th St—Info: 910.599.0398

Winston-Salem: Third Sundays—3:00 - 5:00 p.m.—St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2690 Fairlawn Drive—Info: Tom Dillon

Ohio

Akron: First Sunday—2:00 - 4:00 p.m.—First Congregational Church of Akron, 292 E. Market St. 44308—Info: Corey Sees

Cincinnati: Second Sundays—4:30-7:30 p.m. (with potluck meal)—Community Friends Meeting, 3960 Winding Way in North Avondale—Info: <http://cincysacredharp.ej345.com>

Columbus: First and Third Sundays—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43202—Info: www.columbussacredharp.org

Dayton: Fourth Sundays (September-May)—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 155 East Thruston Blvd (Oakwood)—Info: daytonsacredharp.org

Oregon

Eugene: Second and fourth Thursdays—7:30-9:00 p.m.—Location varies—Info: Jean Murphy / Karen Stingle

La Grande: Second Sundays—6:00 p.m.—The Olde Meeting House (Quakers/Friends)—Info: Carla Arnold

La Grande: Every other Tuesday—4:30-6:30 p.m.—In a private home, location changes—Info: Carla Arnold

Portland: Every First Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*Cooper Book:* —Waverly Heights UCC, Fellowship Hall, 3300 SE Woodward—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every Second Sunday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —People's Co-Op—3029 SE 21st Ave, Community Room—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Cedar Hills UCC, 1169 SW Park Way—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every Fourth Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building), 5736 NE 33rd—singing school first hour—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every last Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room (SE Corner of the building), 5736 NE 33rd—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Portland: Every first Friday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—*Christian Harmony:* —People's Co-op, 3029 SE 21st Ave, Community Room—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

Salem: Every Monday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Melissa Stephenson or www.salemsacredharp.org

Pennsylvania

Douglassville (near Reading): Third and fourth Sundays—6:30 p.m.—Exeter Friends Meetinghouse, 191 Meetinghouse Road—Berks Sacred Harp Singers—Info: Ted Stokes

Lancaster: First Sunday—2:30-5:00 p.m.—Strickler's Barn, 1855 Stony Battery Road, Mountville, 17552—Info: Elizabeth Patton or Ruth Wampler

Philadelphia (Havertown): Second Fridays—7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—St. James Church—Havertown—Info: Marian McKenzie and Walter Smith

Philadelphia (University City): Second Sundays—5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; Potluck at 6:30 p.m.—Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Walk (on University of Pennsylvania Campus)—Info: Rachel Hall

Philadelphia (West Philly): Fourth Thursday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—The A-Space, 4722 Baltimore Ave—Info: Elizabeth Stokes

Philadelphia: Second and Fourth Thursdays—6:30-8:45 p.m.—*1991 Edition and Shenandoah Harmony:* —Mosaic Church at 123 S 51st Street in West Philadelphia.—Info: rachelwellshall@gmail.com or <https://phillysacredharp.org>

Philadelphia: First Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Historic Germantown Mennonite Trust at 6133 Germantown Ave.—

Info: sophiegsokolov@gmail.com or <https://phillysacredharp.org>

Pittsburgh: Second Saturday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Andrew Lutheran Church—Info: Penny Anderson

State College: Second and fourth Mondays of each month—7:00-8:30 p.m.—University Mennonite Church, 1606 Norma St.—Info: Hal Kunkel

West Chester: First and Third Mondays (usually)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Birmingham Friends Meetinghouse, a few minutes south of West Chester—The singings are held twice a month, but call ahead for we shift the dates because of Monday holidays.—Info: Laura Densmore

Wilkes-Barre (Dallas): Meets irregularly—Info: David Martin

Rhode Island

Providence: Fourth Sundays—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Providence Friends Meeting House, 99 Morris Ave (corner of Olney St)—Info: <https://www.ri-sacredharp.net/>

Providence: Weekly, Thursdays during the school year (Sep-early Dec and late Jan-April)—5:00-7:00 p.m.—Brown University Campus—Info: <https://www.ri-sacredharp.net/>

South Carolina

Charleston: Fourth Saturdays (occasionally Third)—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Circular Congregational Church, 150 Meeting Street—Info: Stephen Jones, ss_jones@bellsouth.net

Greenville: Friday night before the third Sunday each month—6:30-8:30 p.m.—First Christian Church—704 Edwards Rd. 29615—Info: Leon and Frances Carnell

Tennessee

Chattanooga: Third Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—The Well, 1800 Rossville Blvd—Info: Mark Elrich or Judy Mincey

Collegedale: Second Saturdays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Chattanooga First SDA Church, 7450 Sandifer Gap Rd., Fellowship Hall, Chattanooga, TN 37421—Info: kaye700@gmail.com

Johnson City: Third Sunday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*Christian Harmony 2010:* —St. John's Episcopal Church, 500 North Roan Street—Info: Don Wiley

Knoxville: (New Harp of Columbia)—Info: Sara Baskin

Nashville: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall, Immanuel Baptist Church, 222 Belle Meade Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee—Info: Tim Reynolds trcopes@gmail.com

Unicoi: Weekly on Sunday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition:* —Unicoi Christian Church, 417 Tennessee St, Unicoi, Tennessee 37692. Fellowship Hall (the white building on the left side of the parking lot) “second steeple on the left” Ample, safe parking, including for disabled Tennessee Street is NOT marked with signage; a large, stone, steepled church is where you turn.—Info: Gaea Singer, gsingerwriter@gmail.com

Texas

Austin: Third Sundays—3:30 - 5:30 p.m.—*Cooper Revision:* —Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, 3913 Avenue B—Info: Scott McCown or Gaylon Powell

Buda: Second Saturdays—10:00 a.m. - noon—*Christian Harmony:* —Buda United Methodist Church, 302 Elm St. (No meeting in July, or when there is a singing in Texas on that date—Info: Morris Nelms or Gaylon Powell

Dallas: Third Saturday—2:00-4:00 p.m.—(*1991 Edition/Cooper Revision:*) —Walnut Hill United Methodist Church, 10066 Marsh Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229—Info: Donald and Diane Ross

East Texas: First Monday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—*Cooper and Denson:* —Rotates among three churches—Westminster at Nacogdoches, Smyrna near Mt. Enterprise, and Zion Hill near Henderson—Info: David Rousseau or Robert Vaughn

Fort Worth: Second Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—(*1991 Edition:*) —King of Glory Lutheran Church, 1659 Sandy Lane—Info: Chloe Webb

Houston: Fourth Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition/Cooper Book:* —First Lutheran Church, 1311 Holman, Houston, Texas—Info: Donna Bing, donnalbing@aol.com

Kennard: Second and Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-8:00 p.m. (covered dish at 6:00 p.m.)—(*Cooper Revision:*) —Kennard Auto, corner of Main and Broadway—Info: Margaret Wright

San Antonio: First Saturdays (except December)—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Coker United Methodist Church, Gibbs Bldg, 1st floor, 231 E. North Loop Road or entry off Wurzbach Parkway—Info: Mike Hinton or Janie Short

Utah

Provo: Second Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—St. Mary's Episcopal Church—50 West 200 North—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: First Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—All Saints Episcopal Church, 1710 Foothill Dr.—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Salt Lake City: Fourth Tuesdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—(*Cooper Book:*) —Home of Lynn and Pam Carson, 1480 Edison (1480 South 145 East)—Info: Stan/Jenny Jensen

Vermont

Brattleboro: First and Third Sundays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—KidsPlayce, 20 Elliot St—Info: Cuvv Lever

Burlington: Every Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place—Info: bshsteeringcommittee@gmail.com, or Facebook

Derby Line: Fourth Sundays—3:00 p.m. with a pot-luck—Universalist Unitarian Church Hall—the church is about 500 feet from the International Border Line between Canada and the US—call/write to confirm—Info: Troad (Julia Richmond)

Glover: Second and fourth Tuesdays and Thursdays—Singing is held on Second Thursday in the winter, 7:00 p.m.; and every Tuesdays in the Summer, 7:30 p.m.—Bread and Puppet Farm—Rt. 122—Info: Linda Wells

Middlebury: First Sundays—1:00-3:00 p.m.—Middlebury College, McCullough Student Center, Mitchell Green Lounge—Info: David Rosenberg, rosenber@middlebury.edu, or vermontshapenotesingers.com/local-singsings, and Facebook

Norwich: Fourth Sunday—1:30-4:30 p.m.—St. Barnabas Church parish hall—Info: Dan Hertzler (See also Hanover, New Hampshire)

Plainfield: Second Sundays, September through June—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Plainfield Community Center, 153 Main St.—Info: Pat Mayhew or Ann Flight

Virginia

Charlottesville: Fourth Saturday—4:00-7:30 p.m.—Charlottesville Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

Charlottesville: Second Tuesday—7:30-9:00 p.m.—Friends Meeting House, 1104 Forest St—Info: Diane Ober or John Alexander

Floyd: Second Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Sweet Providence Farm, 3313 Floyd Hwy N, Floyd, VA 24091—Info: Chris Wolf, chrisfromground2plate@gmail.com

Floyd: Fourth Tuesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Presbyterian Church of Floyd, 169 Newtown Rd NE, Floyd, VA 24091—Info: Chris Wolf, chrisfromground2plate@gmail.com

Northern Shenandoah Valley: First Saturday—4:00 p.m.—Potluck at 6 p.m.—Close to Winchester and Berryville—Info: John delRe and Kelly Macklin

Richmond Sacred Harp Singers/Ashland: First and Third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: FB Richmond Shape Note Singers

Washington

Olympia: Second Sunday: 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Friday before fourth Sunday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.—Second Sunday - Traditions Cafe, 300 5th Avenue SW and Friday before fourth Sunday location varies—Info: Marla Beth Elliott

Seattle: Second and Fourth Sundays—6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—Info: Clarissa Fetrow or Bob Schinske

Seattle: Third Fridays—Supper at 6:00 p.m.; Singing 7:00-9:00 p.m.—Info: Kathy Vlach

Tacoma: First Sundays—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Info: Karen Willard

Tri-Cities: Second and fourth Thursdays—6:30-8:30 p.m.—Info: Tricities@pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

Vashon Island: Meets most months on Saturday before the third Sunday—Info: VashonIslandContact@pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org

Whidbey Island: First Sundays (most months)—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Langley Methodist Fellowship Hall, Anthes Street—Info: Bruce Rowland

Wisconsin

Beloit: Fourth Monday—6:00-7:30 p.m.—*Cooper Book*: —St. Paul's Episcopal Church 212 West Grand Ave. Beloit, WI 53511—Info: Peter B. Irvine, pbirvine@yahoo.com

Madison: usually first and third Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Location varies

Wyoming

Laramie: Tuesdays—1:30-2:30 p.m.—Info: Chris Anderson, chrisas1@gmail.com

Australia

Canberra: Wednesdays Feb-Oct (not first two weeks in March and June or last two weeks in August)—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Ainslie Church of Christ 82-88 Limestone Ave, Ainslie, ACT 2602—Info: Dianne Porter, porter.32@bigpond.com

Melbourne: First Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Brunswick Uniting Church, Sydney Road (opposite the Town Hall)—Info: Natalie Sims/Shawn Whelan, sacred_harp@yahoo.com.au or FB

Sydney: Second Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Dickson Street Space, Newtown—Info: sacredharpaustralia.com

Sydney: Fourth Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—Erskineville Town Hall—Info: sacredharpaustralia.com

Canada

Guelph, Ontario: Second Saturday of each month—2:00-4:00 p.m.—Basilica of Our Lady. Parking lot off Cork St, on the far side (south side) of the church.—Info: Hanna Caruso hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

Ottawa, Ontario: Third Tuesdays, September-May—8:00 p.m.—23 Warren Ave—Info: Catherine Burns or ottawashapenote in Google Groups

Toronto, Ontario: Third Wednesdays—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Friends House, 60 Lowther Ave—Info: singing@torontoshapenote.org

Vancouver, BC: first and third Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, 1803 E 1st Ave, Room 8—Info: van.sacredharp@gmail.com

Victoria, Vancouver Island, BC: First and Third Saturdays—10:00 a.m.-noon—*1991 Edition*: —St. Philip Anglican Church, 2928 Eastdowne Rd., V8R 5R8—Info: Rosalind Adams (250)929-6113 / vanisesacredharp@gmail.com

Montreal, Quebec: Every Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—5333 rue Casgrain, Room 307—Info: montrealsacredharp@gmail.com / FB

Wakefield, Quebec: Every Tuesday—6:30-8:00 p.m.—*1991 Edition*: —Fairbairn House, 45 Chemin, Wakefield Heights, J0X 3G0—Info: wakefieldsacredharp@gmail.com / FB

Winnipeg: Generally second Wednesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, 525 Wardlaw Ave.—Info: “Peg City FaSoLa” on Facebook

France

Auvergne: Second and Fourth Wednesdays—Info: sacredharpauvergne.wordpress.com

Paris: Every Saturday—2:00-4:30 p.m.—Info: leopoldine.guillaume@gmail.com

Germany

Berlin: Every Thursday—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Sharehaus Refugio-Lenastr. 4, 12047—Info: Caro Stamm-Reusch or www.sacredharpberlin.de

Bremen: Every Thursday—8:00-10:00 p.m.—Cappella della musica, Osterdeich 70 A, 28205 Bremen—Info: Sacred Harp Bremen on Facebook

Cologne: Every Sunday—6:00 p.m.—Info: www.sacredharpcologne.com/english.html

Frankfurt am Main: Irregularly on Sundays—Info: sacredharpfrankfurt.de

Hamburg: Every Tuesday—8:00 p.m.—Englische Kirche—

Info: <http://sacredharphamburg.weebly.com>

Munich: First Sundays—2:00-5:00 p.m.—St. Martin, Arndtsrt. 8, 80469

Munich,—Info: Peter Kocher, [sacredharpmunich](https://www.facebook.com/sacredharpmunich) on facebook

Holland

Amsterdam: Every second Friday of the month—7:45 p.m.—

Info: www.sacredharp.nl

Ireland

Cork: Every Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Unitarian Church, Prince's Street, Cork—

Info: corksacredharp.com

Dublin: Every Friday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—back of Franciscan Friary on Cook Street,

Dublin 8—the entrance is through a grey door in a pink wall, on the right of the street from the city centre—Info: sacredharpdublin@gmail.com

Japan

Tokyo: Third Thursday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Ikebukuro Anglican Church, 5-24-5,

Nishi-Ikebukuro, Toshima Ward—Info: Peter Evan or Tim Cook,

Tokyo.sacred.harp@gmail.com

Tokyo: First Saturdays—5:00-7:00 p.m.—*Christian Harmony and other songs in 7*

shapes:—Shimokitazawa Church of the Nazarene, 6-7-21 Daita, Setagaya-ku,

Tokyo—Info: Peter Evan or Tim Cook, Tokyo.sacred.harp@gmail.com

Korea

Seoul: Every Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Seoul Anglican Cathedral—Info: Brian

Sears/Phillipa Gowdy-Jaehng/Tyler Rasch

Norway

Oslo: First Sunday—2:00 p.m.—American Lutheran Church—Info: Jessica Slighter

Oslo: Thursday before third Sunday—7:00 p.m.—Uranienborgveien 2 (location varies)—Info: Jessica Slighter

Poland

Warsaw: Every Monday—7:30 p.m.—Freta 10, Dominicans friary—

Info: Magdalena Gryszko, or Facebook: Sacred Harp Poland

Scotland

Edinburgh: First Fridays, except August—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Quaker Meeting House,

38 Elmbank Crescent—Info: Karen Turner / shapenotescotland@gmail.com

Edinburgh: Third Tuesday, except August—7:00-9:30 p.m.—Quaker Meeting

House, Victoria Terrace—Info: Karen Turner / shapenotescotland@gmail.com

Sweden

Uppsala: Alternate Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Vindhems kyrkan—Info: Zack Lindahl or

sacredharp uppsala.wordpress.com

United Kingdom

Belfast: Every Sunday—7:30-9:30 p.m.—Corrymeela House, 8 Upper Crescent—

Info: www.belfastsacredharp.com

Birmingham: Fourth Thursday monthly—Info: Ian West

Brighton: Second Fridays and Last Wednesdays—

Info: www.brightonshapenote.weebly.com

Bristol: Every Tuesday—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Benjamin Perry Boathouse—
Info: bristolsacredharp.org

Derby: First Friday monthly—Info: Helen Brown

Edinburgh: Third Friday monthly—7:00-9:30 p.m.—
Info: shapenotescotland.weebly.com/

Gateshead: Second Sunday—Info: Helen Barbour

Glasgow: First Friday monthly—7:00-9:30 p.m.—
Info: shapenotescotland.weebly.com/

Herts: First Friday monthly—7:30-10:00 p.m.—Info: Steve/Mary Welch

Leeds: Third Monday—Info: Susan Carr

Lewes: Second Monday—Info: Rachel Jordan/Nick Hall

London: Weekly singings—Info: londonsacredharp.org or Michael Walker

Manchester: Every four weeks on Tuesday—7:00 p.m.—The Kings Arms, Bloom
Street, Salford—Info: Calum Woods

Newcastle upon Tyne: Every Tuesday—7:30 p.m.—Bridge Hotel, Castle Square—
Info: Phil Tyler

Norwich: Every Monday—7:00 p.m.—Octagon Unitarian Chapel, Colegate—
Info: Cath Saunt

Scarborough: First Tuesday—Info: Sally Greaves-Lord

Sheffield: First Monday—Info: Carmel Wood

How other singing books appear in the Minutes

Song numbers listed in the minutes are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* unless another book is named in the title of the singing.

When multiple books are used at a singing, songs from books other than *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* are indicated by an abbreviation in parentheses after the number, for example: 517 (WB).

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| ACH | American Christmas Harp |
| AH | The American Harmony |
| AV | American Vocalist |
| CB | Cooper Book |
| CH | Christian Harmony |
| EH 1 | Eclectic Harmony |
| EH 2 | Eclectic Harmony II |
| GH | Georgian Harmony |
| HS | Harmonia Sacra |
| ICH | Ingalls Christian Harmony |
| JB | James Book |
| KH | Kentucky Harmony |
| KsH | Keystone Harmony |
| LD | Lloyd's Hymnal |
| MH | Missouri Harmony |
| NH | Northern Harmony |
| NHC | New Harp of Columbia |
| NbH | Norumbega Harmony |
| OSH | Old School Hymnal |
| ScH | Social Harp |
| ShH | The Shenandoah Harmony |
| SoH | Southern Harmony |
| WB | J.L. White Book |

SACRED HARP SINGINGS

2024 MINUTES

CORK QUAKER HOUSE DECEMBER SINGING

Quaker House, Cork, Ireland

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Amanda Parkes opened the singing by leading 131b. Leaders: Colleen Jones 135; Ger Wolfe 312b; Michael Walker 81b; Kevin Kennedy 97; Amanda Parkes 100; Colleen Jones 102; Ger Wolfe 271t; Michael Walker 270; Katie Ahern 273; Kevin Kennedy 279; Amanda Parkes 278b; Sinéad Hanrahan 73t; Colleen Jones 228; Ger Wolfe 207; Michael Walker 157; Katie Ahern 353 (for Dan Brittain); Kevin Kennedy 225b; Amanda Parkes 352; Sinéad Hanrahan 350; Colleen Jones 351; Ger Wolfe 31t; Michael Walker 383; Katie Ahern 360.

RECESS

Kevin Kennedy restored order by leading 263. Leaders: Laurie Skelton 475; Sinéad Hanrahan 432; Colleen Jones 441; Amanda Parkes 434; Ger Wolfe 179; Michael Walker 294; Katie Ahern 299; Kevin Kennedy 298; Laurie Skelton 318; Sinéad Hanrahan 319; Colleen Jones 528 (for Khoral and Kaya); Amanda Parkes 568; Ger Wolfe 569b; Michael Walker 404; Katie Ahern 418; Kevin Kennedy 419.

RECESS

Laurie Skelton led 216 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Sinéad Hanrahan 215; Colleen Jones 513; Amanda Parkes 217; Ger Wolfe 106; Michael Walker 169; Katie Ahern 212; Kevin Kennedy 490; Laurie Skelton 440; Sinéad Hanrahan 223; Colleen Jones 210. Amanda Parkes led 472 to close the singing, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Amanda Parkes; Secretary—Kevin Kennedy

AMERICAN CHRISTMAS HARP SINGING

The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington

Saturday, December 30, 2023

The annual *American Christmas Harp* Singing was held at The Evergreen State College Organic Farmhouse in Olympia, Washington, on the Saturday before the 5th Sunday in December. Songs were called from the *American Christmas Harp* (ACH) and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The class was called to order Ian Suchon leading 82 (ACH). Rosie Sokolov offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ian Suchon 9 (ACH); Peter Schinske 1 (ACH), 2 (ACH); Sara Ng 81 (ACH), 105 (ACH); Doug Hill 92 (ACH), 474; Nancy Novotny 88 (ACH), 90 (ACH); Alex Short 124 (ACH), 125 (ACH); Anne Huckins 122 (ACH), 60 (ACH); Eric Schwab 32 (ACH), 58 (ACH); Marla Elliott 48 (ACH); Laura McMurray 100 (ACH), 30b.

RECESS

The second session was brought to order by Eric Schwab leading 52t. Leaders: Bob Schinske 38 (ACH), 28 (ACH); Rosie Sokolov 62 (ACH), 229; Jim Friedrich 46 (ACH), 10 (ACH); Chris Noren 19 (ACH), 63 (ACH); Eleanor Stevens 457, 447; John Berendzen 77 (ACH); Karen Willard 110 (ACH), 129 (ACH); Mischa Skeeter 268, 448t. Rosie Sokolov asked a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Ian Suchon leading 78 (ACH). Leaders: Kate Fine 441; Kristoger Ilex 279, 125; Campbell Longworth 228, 198; Jack Lofton 74 (ACH), 126 (ACH); Rosie Sokolov 426b, 74b; Karen Willard 107 (ACH), 104 (ACH); John Berendzen 535; Chris Noren 64 (ACH), 106 (ACH); Nancy

Novotny 42 (ACH), 106 (ACH); Marla Elliott 318. Leland Ross led a song not included in either book, titled “In Bethlem Town”.

RECESS

The day’s final session was brought to order by Kate Fortin leading 32t. Leaders: Eric Schwab 8 (ACH), 56 (ACH); Peter Schinske 50 (ACH), 89 (ACH); Anne Huckins 26 (ACH), 31 (ACH); Adam Berey 83b, 127; Campbell Longworth 86, 87; Bob Schinske 120 (ACH), 36 (ACH); Alex Short 224, 111b; Mischa Skeeter 155, 324; Kristofer Ilex 61 (ACH), 475.

A business meeting was held. Ian Suchon thanked officers and committee members for their service, thanked the cooks for bringing a bounty of food, thanked the members of the class who had keyed throughout the day, thanked Bob Schinske and Laura McMurray for arranging, and resolved to meet again next year. Jenna Tompkins gave the secretary’s report stating that twenty-five leaders led seventy-five songs. Marla Elliott shared the treasurer’s report that expenses had been met. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Ian Suchon led 162 (ACH) as the closing song. Rosie Sokolov delivered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ian Suchon; Secretary—Jenna Tompkins

WOOTTEN FAMILY NEW YEAR’S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

December 31, 2023 - January 1, 2024

The class was called to order by Marty Wootten leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Tony Ivey.

Leaders: Cole Wootten and Aaron Wootten 101t, 47t; Nicholas Thompson 217; Blake Sisemore 186; Cheyenne Ivey 208; Daniel Williams 328; Eddie Mash 66; Teresa Saylor 209; Susan Lee 349; Daniel Lee 52t; Samuel Williams 411; Sarah George 138t; Sarah Wootten, Aaron Wootten, and Caroline Wootten 421; Tom George 482; Ezra Lloyd 168; Mary Huffman 569b; Matt Hinton, Robert Glover, Garrett Holder, and Ashley Dilbeck 31t; Sandy Ivey 201; Calum Woods 67; Butch White 547; Jeremy Wootten 348b.

RECESS

Aaron Wootten and Cole Wootten led 56t to bring the class back together. Leaders: David Saylor 203; David Killingsworth and Brenda Armstrong 277; Anna Hinton 455; Bill DuPre 86; Barrett Patton 88t; Isaac Lloyd 89; Robert Walker 143; Brenda Carroll 300; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen 384; Prisca Rice 155; Marlin Beasley 278t; Reba Windom 36b; Malachi Lloyd 40; Deborah Taube 99; Isaac Lloyd, Elyssa Lloyd, and Amariah Lloyd 319; Donna Wootten 106; Abigail Cannon 515; Terry Wootten 283. David Saylor asked a blessing before the meal.

SUPPER

The class was brought back to order by Aaron Wootten and Cole Wootten leading 32t. Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 182; Hayden Wootten and Brooke Wootten 441; Erica Hinton 406; Dennis George 100; Jamey Wootten 39t; Daniel Bearden 336; Marty Wootten 546; Jared Wootten 436; Jenny Mann and Crystal Bearden 571 (CB); Shane Wootten 285t; Terry Wootten ‘Where the Soul Never Dies’.

RECESS

Leaders: Aaron Wootten and Cole Wootten 30b; Reba Windom 505 (CB); Shane Wootten 478 (CB); Rodney Ivey 465 (CB); Jeremy Wootten 480; Jenny Mann and Marty Wootten 559 (CB); Marty Wootten and Cole Wootten 526 (WB); Terry Wootten 472, 'Pass Me Not', 511b (CB), 563 (CB); Shane Wootten 515 (CB); Barrett Patton and Shane Wootten 572 (CB); Shane Wootten 573 (CB); Terry Wootten 484 (CB). Blake Sisemore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Aaron Wootten and Cole Wootten; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

St. John's Unitarian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

Monday, January 1, 2024

The 30th annual Cincinnati Sacred Harp New Year's Day Singing was called to order by Ray Rechenberg leading 34b. Ray then offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Arranging Officer—Randy Webber; Treasurer—Richard Overturf; Secretary—Michael Domino. The class sang selections from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition, *The Shenandoah Harmony*, and one unpublished composition.

Leaders: Debbie Hall 276; Ben Griffin 171; Sarah Lynne Gershon 22b (ShH); Marian Mitchell 264b (ShH); Anne Missavage 106; Michael Domino 173; Tom Morton 277; Tim Gregg 139 (ShH); Joy Dunn 148; Steve Tossey 143; Karen Arnett 504; Lemuel Duncan 547; Tim Morton 381; Richard Overturf 373; Shannon Tibbs 117; Samantha Foster 107; Randy Webber "Brittain" (unpublished).

RECESS

Ray Rechenberg brought the class back to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Pearl Marshall 454; Tim Morton 5 (ShH); Richard Overturf 163b; Shannon Tibbs 86; Samantha Foster 93; Ben Griffin 198; Debbie Hall 438b (ShH); Sarah Lynne Gershon 171 (ShH); Marian Mitchell 335; Michael Domino 404t (ShH); Tom Morton 209; Tim Gregg 408b (ShH); Joy Dunn 132 (ShH); Steve Tossey 223; Karen Arnett 140b (ShH). Ray Rechenberg offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ray Rechenberg led 77t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Keith Yutzy 457; Anne Missavage 236; Sarah Lynne Gershon 242 (ShH); Tim Morton 340b (ShH); Richard Overturf 268; Shannon Tibbs 42; Samantha Foster 35; Ben Griffin 146 (ShH); Debbie Hall 338 (ShH); Marian Mitchell 327; Michael Domino 232; Tom Morton 313b; Tim Gregg 532; Joy Dunn 162; Steve Tossey 168; Karen Arnett 149.

RECESS

The class was called together by Richard Overturf leading 49t. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 40; Taylor Hand 47b; Keith Yutzy 178; Marian Mitchell 236t (ShH); Anne Missavage 344; Tim Morton 23 (ShH); Shannon Tibbs 260t (ShH); Samantha Foster 59; Ben Griffin 122; Debbie Hall 5t (ShH); Michael Domino 390; Tom Morton 496; Tim Gregg 124 (ShH); Joy Dunn 523; Steve Tossey 515; Karen Arnett 84.

Following announcements, the class sang 347, and took the parting hand. Ray Rechenberg offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretary—Michael Domino

NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING

Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom

Monday, January 1, 2024

The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading 30t (CB). Karen Turner offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joe Vickers 265b (CB); Hannah Land 36t (CB); Karen Turner 38t (CB); Jonathan Stanyon 239 (CB); Richard Mayers 54t (CB); Claire Welford 505 (CB); Chris Brown 107; Jo-anne Carlyle 122 (CB); Barry Parsons 223 (CB); Hannah Land 133 (CB); Jonathan Stanyon 571 (CB); Karen Turner 372 (CB); Chris Brown 31t (CB); Richard Mayers 156 (CB); Claire Welford 378b; Jo-anne Carlyle 29t; Joe Vickers and Margaret Hunt 299. Grace for the mid-day meal was offered by Alan Bown.

LUNCH

Joe Vickers called the class back together by leading 511t (CB). Leaders: Chris Coombs 314; Hannah Land 315; Richard Mayers 313b; Barry Parsons 72b; Claire Welford 184b (CB); Ted Brown 113 (CB); Jo-anne Carlyle 49t; Karen Turner 587 (CB); Jonathan Stanyon 569b; Helen Brown and Margaret Hunt 475.

The memorial lesson was led by Joe Vickers, who spoke for the following sick and household: Ed Johnson-Williams, Erin Johnson-Williams, Vicki Elliott, Betty Cox, Cath Tyler, Dave Elliott, Di Elliott, Daniel Oldham, Andrew and Gerald.

The following deceased were remembered and honoured: P Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Cathy White—Georgia, USA; Cheryl Foreman—Texas, USA; Gaston White and Richard Maudlin—Alabama, USA; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Joan Carr, Maurice Wright, Doreen Carlyle, James Woodward. Joe then led 95b (CB), and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Hannah Land 472; Barry Parsons 402; Ted Brown 225t; Jo-anne Carlyle 547; Claire Welford 542; Chris Coombs 128; Karen Turner 426b.

RECESS

Helen Brown called the class back to order by leading 103. Leaders: Jonathan Stanyon 98 (CB); Richard Mayers 152; Barry Parsons 306; Oisín Kidston-Ireland 217; Chris Coombs 189; Hannah Land 198; Claire Welford 163t; Joe Vickers and Margaret Hunt 267b (CB); Jo-anne Carlyle 99 (CB); Karen Turner 573 (CB) (for Daniel Oldham); Oisín Kidston-Ireland 444t (CB).

Helen Brown led 347 as the closing song. Gillian White dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Helen Brown; Vice Chairperson—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday, January 7, 2024

The annual Shady Grove Sacred Harp singing was held on the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 46. Tom Booth offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice. Nicholas Thompson made arrangements for the day.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 89, 208; Roma Rice 164, 405; Butch White 499 (for Henry Guthery), 547; Nancy Phillips 65, 282; Mike Hankins 527, 477; Yancey Jett 312b, 440; Samuel Williams 476, 498; Chuck Howell 373, 49b; Isaac Green 422 (for Margaret Keeton), 225b; Kim Funderburk 47b, 72b.

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order by leading 144. Leaders: Linda Booth 198; Theresa Westmoreland 299; Calum Woods 432; Ken Tate 300 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); Larry Ballinger 358 (in memory of Richard Maudlin and Elbert Peters); Tim Gregg 426b; Anne Steel 61 (in memory of Juanita Beasley); Chris Ballinger 84; Janet Litton 47t; Danny Creel 383; Prisca Rice 483; Warren Steel 131t; Amber Davis 142; Brenda Robins 354b; Brenda Chafin 349.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 123t. Leaders: Beth Wallace 530; Zena Tucker 186; Rodney Ivey 500; Ann Jett 269; Lisa Geist 528; Jeff James 31t; Sara White 34b; Louise Yeager 503; Laura Keeton 87; Loretta Whitman 343; Cassie Allen 272; Nicholas Thompson 166 (for Julie Poston); Calum Woods 109; Isaac Green and Calum Woods 568; Prisca Rice 511; Tim Gregg 522; Samuel Williams 378b; Chuck Howell 112; Warren Steel 513; Kim Funderburk 111t; Anne Steel 348b; Cassie Allen 138t; Cassie Allen and Margaret Keeton 276; Nicholas Thompson and Lisa Geist 120 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger).

Nicholas Thompson and Margaret Keeton led 521 as the closing song. Ken Tate offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Roma Rice

CENTRAL FLORIDA SACRED HARP SINGING **St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida** **Saturday, January 13, 2024**

The 1st Central Florida All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida, on Saturday before the second Sunday in January. Rachel Speer called the class together by leading 59. David Ivey taught a brief singing school in which he recounted his experiences singing in Central Florida in the 1960s, and reviewed the names of shape notes, the major and minor scales, modes of time, beating time, and accent.

RECESS

Dean Jens called the class back together leading 565. Mike Glodo offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Pat Morse 277; Dorothea Maynard 442; Morgan Bunch 70t; Vik Slen 95; Madeleine Smith 290; John Snively 47b; Kevin Juarez 159; Bridget Jamison 105; Marja Millard 282; David Ivey 38b; Ronald Lopez 49t; Jane Cannon 31t; Alissa Eiesland 30t.

RECESS

Rachel Speer called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Michael Shuman 178; Jose Camacho 163b; Karen Lee-Duffell 354b; Calum Woods 182; Miriam Delirium 183; David Ivey 383; Kevin Juarez 276; Morgan Bunch 148; Madeleine Smith 127; Bridget Jamison 107.

Rachel Speer gave the memorial lesson, leading 134 in memory of the following deceased: Dan Britain—Arkansas; Richard Mauldin and Norma Green—Alabama; Cora Beasley Jones—Tennessee; Joanne Julia Schultz—Minnesota and Tennessee; Zoe Clay, David Wilson, and Lydia Lewallen—North Carolina; Eva Striebeck—Germany.

Leaders: Dean Jens 354t; Alissa Eiesland 270; Jane Cannon 106; Miriam Delirium 313b; Calum Woods 370.

LUNCH

Rachel Speer began the afternoon session by leading 421. Leaders: Dorothea Maynard 99; Pat Morse 40; Karen Lee-Duffell 117; Skylar Strickland 534; Michael Shuman 146; Vik Slen 48b; Jose Camacho 504; Miriam Delirium 505; Jane Cannon 548; Bridget Jamison 378b; Madeleine Smith 48t; Alissa Eiesland 547; David Ivey 481; Calum Woods 236; Marja Millard 49b; Kevin Juarez and Jose Camacho 269.

RECESS

Madeleine Smith called the class together leading 319. Leaders: Ronald Lopez 162; Karen Lee-Duffell 274t; Rachel Glodo and Rachel Speer 114; Vik Slen 66; Jose Camacho 45t; Skylar Strickland 124; Morgan Bunch 347; Dorothea Maynard and David Ivey 196; Pat Morse 569b; Madeleine Smith 528; Fay Baird 235. After announcements and reports, the officers joined to lead 62. Zach Cole offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Rachel Speer; Secretary—Dean Jens

CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING

Kilbourn Park, Chicago, Illinois

Sunday, January 14, 2024

The 40th Chicago Anniversary Singing was held at Kilbourn Park, Chicago, Illinois, on the second Sunday in January. Eileen Ferguson called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b. Rochelle Lodder offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 77b; Mary Rogel and Jim Swanson 28b; Randy Neufeld 171; Doug Stapleton 178; Michael Mosley 186; Susan Geil 81b; Jim Helke 335; Mark Bowman 86; Dave Barford 200; Rochelle Lodder 276; Jerry Gripshover 84.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Ginny Landgraf; Vice Chairman—Dave Barford and Debbie Barford; Secretary—Mary Rogel.

Leaders: Brady Santoro 324; Scott Luscombe 47b; Lisa Grayson 112; Anne Missavage 217; Marian Mitchell 228.

RECESS

Eileen Ferguson called the class to order leading 334. Leaders: Ben Zucker 330b; Cecilia Kramer 39t; Ginny Landgraf 341; Jim Swanson 454; Randy Neufeld 29t; Doug Stapleton 440; Michael Mosley 411; Susan Geil 474; Jim Helke 309; Mark Bowman 485; Dave Barford 163t; Rochelle Lodder 472; Jerry Gripshover 538; Brady Santoro 455; Scott Luscombe 38t.

RECESS

Mary Rogel called the class to order leading 464. Leaders: Anne Missavage 181; Marian Mitchell 481; Eileen Ferguson 501; Ben Zucker 118.

The memorial lesson was offered by Lisa Grayson, who led 448t in memory of the following list of names of the deceased: Carol Ruth Kimmel and Melanie Hauff—Illinois; Lila Anne Mitchell—New York; Becky Browne—Missouri; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Juanita Beasley—Alabama. Doug Stapleton led 216 for the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Ted Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Judy Hauff, Mary Owen, Gary Gronau, Anni Flight, and Steve Warner. Cecilia Kramer offered a prayer.

Leaders: Cecilia Kramer 180; Ginny Landgraf 297; Jim Swanson 176b; Randy Neufeld 99; Doug Stapleton 163b. Cecilia Kramer offered grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mary Rogel brought the class back to order leading 534. Leaders: Michael Mosley 101t; Anne Heider 150; Matthew Seifert 548; Lisa Grayson 528; Susan Geil 31t; Jim Helke 37b; Mark Bowman 362; John Seaton 47t; Dave Barford 209; Rochelle Lodder 504; Jerry Gripshover 268; Brady Santoro 236; Randy Neufeld 496; Marian Mitchell 208; Mark Dawson 299; Scott Luscombe 506; Anne Missavage 280; Ben Zucker 151.

RECESS

Jim Helke called the class to order leading 480. Leaders: Cecilia Kramer 444; Jim Swanson 536.

Ginny Landgraf gave a lesson in honor of the Founders, and led 547. Founders of the Chicago Singing include Ted Mercer, Ted Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Judy Hauff,

Wendy Wahn, Larry Nothwehr, Herb Schroeder, Sarah Joan Davie, Terry Cunningham, Ginny Warren, and Kris Richardson.

Leaders: Anne Heider 273; Matthew Seifert 448b; Scott Luscombe 334; Anne Missavage 430; Marian Mitchell 313b; John Seaton 101b; Mark Dawson 361; Michael Mosley 378t; Lisa Grayson 378b; Doug Stapleton 107.

Mark Bowman spoke on behalf of the Resolutions Committee and thanked the many people who made this singing possible. Ginny Landgraf announced that the 2025 Winter Singing Workshops held the day before the Chicago Anniversary Singing will be chaired by Matthew Seifert, and then she called for reports from the Finance Committee and the Secretary and opened the floor for announcements. Ginny Landgraf and Dave Barford led 347 as we took the parting hand. John Seaton dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Ginny Landgraf; Vice Chairpersons—Dave Barford and Debbie Barford; 2025 Workshop Chairman—Matthew Seifert; Finance Committee—Randy Neufeld; Arranging Committee—Jim Swanson; Chaplains—Rochelle Lodder, Cecilia Kramer, and John Seaton; Resolutions Committee—Mark Bowman; Secretary—Mary Rogel

ROVING SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING **St. Francis Church Hall, Newcastle, United Kingdom** **Saturday, January 20, 2024**

The 4th session of the Roving *Shenandoah Harmony* Singing met at St. Francis Church Hall, Cleveland Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne, on the third Saturday in January. The class was called to order by Claire Welford, who welcomed the class and led 1b (ShH). Paula Wardlaw offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Claire Welford; Secretary/Arranging Committee—Lin James; Treasurer—Phil Tyler.

Leaders: Phil Tyler 260t (ShH); Mark Wardlaw 7b (ShH); Helen Barber 132 (ShH); Joel Wallenberg 43t (ShH); Benny Ross 53 (ShH); Conor Murray 70t (ShH); Anne Altringham 125 (ShH); Mika 236t (ShH); Calum Parker 446t (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 230 (ShH); Richard Mayers 310 (ShH); Molly McCracken 246b (ShH); Petra Ertl 4t (ShH).

RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw led 120t (ShH) to bring the class together. Leaders: Ruth Holman and Benny Ross 5t (ShH); Machna Nowak 434t (ShH); John Bealle 145 (ShH); Eloise Clark 91 (ShH); Paul Gailunas 265 (ShH); Jan Geerts 231 (ShH); Karen Turner 221 (ShH); Phil Tyler 214 (ShH); Mark Wardlaw 429 (ShH); Helen Barber 264b (ShH); Molly McCracken 80 (ShH); Conor Murray 41 (ShH); Anne Altringham 114 (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 282 (ShH); Mika 22b (ShH); Calum Parker 140b (ShH);

The memorial lesson was conducted by Jan Geerts. Jan read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Cath Tyler, Paul Zaba, Dan Ellis, Rike Fischer, Vicki Elliot, Alex Ford, and Lucy Whalley.

She read aloud the following list of names of the deceased: Jenny Secretan and Eve Turner—Newcastle upon Tyne; Ron James and Mary Needham—South Wales; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Cheryl Foreman—Texas, USA; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Doris Cottle—New Zealand; Steve from Sheffield; Jess's great grandmother, Madeira.

Jan Geerts led 231 (ShH). Helen Barber gave thanks for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Benny Ross led 248t (ShH) to bring the class together. Leaders: Joel Wallenberg 78 (ShH); Petra Ertl 285 (ShH); Richard Mayers 254 (ShH); Margaret Bradshaw 278 (ShH); Machna Nowak 94 (ShH); Mark Wardlaw 403 (ShH); Ruth Holman 332

(ShH); John Bealle 96b (ShH); Eloise Clark 294 (ShH); Paul Gailunas 414b (ShH); Jan Geerts 457 (ShH); Karen Turner 180 (ShH); Helen Barber 139 (ShH); Molly McCracken 363 (ShH); Conor Murray 243 (ShH); Phil Tyler 404t (ShH); Anne Altringham 305 (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 322 (ShH); Mika 242 (ShH); Claire Welford 200 (ShH).

RECESS

Calum Parker led 127 (ShH) to bring the class together. Leaders: Joel Wallenberg 270 (ShH); Petra Ertl 368 (ShH); Molly McCracken 77 (ShH); Richard Mayers 158b (ShH); John Bealle 269 (ShH); Eloise Clark 278 (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 397 (ShH); Mika 287 (ShH); Jan Geerts 124 (ShH); Margaret Bradshaw 105 (ShH); Paul Gailunas 177 (ShH); Ruth Holman 31 (ShH); Helen Barber 138 (ShH).

Announcements were made. Lin James, as secretary, reported that with twenty-two leaders sixty-eight songs had been led. Claire Welford thanked the pitchers (Mark Wardlaw, Joel Wallenberg, Phil Tyler, and Benny Ross) and all present for making this a wonderful day of singing. She led 309 (ShH) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Jessica Beer.

Chairperson—Claire Welford; Secretary—Lin James

ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Farnsworth Park, Altadena, California

January 20-21, 2024

Saturday, January 20

The 36th annual All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention met in the William Davies Memorial Building at Farnsworth Park in Altadena, California, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in January. The class was called to order by Leigh Cooper leading 171. Al Grindon welcomed the class, and led 99. Jim Freidrich offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers and committee members were appointed to serve: Chairman—Al Grindon; Vice Chairman—Carolyn Deacy; Treasurer—Rachel O'Leary; Secretary—Alison Fisher; Chaplains—Jim Friedrich and Jamie Ross. The business meeting was closed.

Leaders: Jamie Ross 376; David Olsen 472; Linnea Sablosky 378b; Sarah Hill 155; David Eisenbroich 37b; Carri Grindon 47b; John Giles 511; Michael Hagerty 290; Peter Stenshoel 388; Jeff Begley 68t; Susan Cafilisch 111b; Luc Kleiner 76b; Alison Fisher 162; Jeff Laub 333; Stuart Wheeler 285b; Amy Ludwig 117; Shawn Kirchner 454; Judy Nahman-Stouffer and Gerry Hoffman 455.

RECESS

Lisa Bennett led 166 to recall the class. Leaders: Fred Wilkey 34b; Bruce Teter 97; Laurie Burk 503; Lizzie Sanders 131t; Maggie Taylor and Rowan Taylor 178; Edward Ricemeyer 272; Betsy Jeronen 564; Jennifer Jones 527; Julia Zaffarano 271t; Rachael Geary 426t; Carol Crawford 215; Catherine Van Duzer 68b; Ray Rechenberg 277; Brian How 183; David Schmitt 122; Pat Coghlan 492; Ellen Lueck 145t; Alexander Cotton 350. Al Grindon announced that expenses for facility rental had already been met, but singers were still welcome to contribute funds.

RECESS

Jan Rymut led 32t to bring the class together. Leaders: Porter Lorentz-Underhill 198; Jim Crawford 287; Gerry Hoffman 501 (in memory of Stephen O'Leary and Ted Mercer); Irene Gilb 196; Midge Harder 61; Elizabeth Poss 42; Paul Kostka 528; Sumie Arnold 207; Leah Coffin 448t; Tyler Ruy 30t; Janet Plattner 65; Bob Schinske 546; Emma Swartz 500; Paul Landskroener 77t (dedicated to Arthur Joseph Landskroener); Rachel O'Leary, Lucy O'Leary, and Sean McElhenney 101t; Katie Eichenlaub White 547 (in memory of Melanie Hauff); Lisa Bennett 353 (in memory

of Dan Brittain); Lisa Grayson 436; Dami Osoba 260. Jim Friedrich led a prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Afternoon session began with Jeff McLeod and Taylor Sullivan leading 135. Leaders: Al Grindon 49b; Carol Huang 522; Sean Francis Conway 228; Rosie Sokolov 542; Andy Ditzler 30b; Chris Noren 263; Jenny Solheim 372; David Smead 380; Mitchell Gustin 299; David Brodeur 216 Susan Fetcho and Titilayomi Osoba 460 (in memory of David Fetcho); Stephanie Fida 442; Alex Forsyth 411; Jim Friedrich 347 (in memory of Stephen O'Leary and David Fetcho); Lindy Groening 269; Mary Rose O'Leary 112; Jeff McLeod 100; Leigh Cooper 35; Nadia Bolz-Weber and Diane Gohl 300; Judy Van Duzer 128 (in memory of John Van Duzer); Mingjia Chen and Stuart Wheeler 146.

RECESS

Lizzie Sanders, Jeff Laub, and Jamie Ross led 33b to begin the last session. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 480; Ben Rempel 482; Chris Thorman and Mayrie Bates 384; Jamie Dawson 423; Anton Popov 217; Julie Johnson 383; Paula O'Dowd 340; Alayna Liebman 220; Julia Zaffarano and Emma Swartz 278t. Al Grindon led 168 as the closing song, and invited singers to the evening social.

Sunday, January 21

The Sunday session of the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention began with Al Grindon leading 46. Jamie Ross offered prayer, and led 102.

Leaders: David Elsenbroich 475; Peter Stenshoel 339; Kyle Hiskey Adams 465; Stuart Wheeler 294; Jeff Laub 378t; Alison Fisher 532; Fred Wilkey 474; Jeff McLeod 40; Ben Rempel 390; Suzanne Cafilisch 141; Brian McKee 99; Lizzie Sanders 227; Michael Hagerty 270; Andrea Tzvetkov 235; Alayna Leibman 268; Laura Stephenson 404; Elizabeth Poss 48b; Brian How 114.

RECESS

Mary Rose O'Leary called the class back together by leading 213t. Leaders: Janet Plattner 119; Catherine Van Duzer 202; Leigh Cooper and Byron Burchard 283; David Schmitt 481; Pat Coghlan 214; Rachel O'Leary, Shana Lourey, and Samara Lourey 73t; Jamie Dawson 354t; Julie Johnson 31t; Nadia Bolz-Weber 142; Midge Harder 163t; Leah Coffin 160b; Mary Crawford and Carol Crawford 535; Paul Koska 334; Judy Van Duzer 312b; Sean Frances Conway, Kelley Martin, and Porter Lontz-Underhill 352; Anton Popov 288; Paul Landskroener 218; Susan Fetcho and Jim Friedrich 181; Irene Gilb 165; Luc Kleiner 345b; Dami Osoba 504.

RECESS

Lindy Groening and Carolyn Deacy led 430 to call the class together. Leaders: Jim Crawford 107; Jenny Solheim 222; Ray Rechenberg and Stephanie Fida 29t; Julia Zaffarano 106; Chris Noren 236.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Fred Wilkey and Amy Ludwig. Amy read the following names of singers that were sick or shut-in: Lori Crawford, Dan Phemayotin, Karen Mathews, Phil Shapiro, Michael McKernon, Ed Walton, Eleanor Solor, Lynne Koss, Brenda Rechenberg, Carla Smith, Steve Warner, Anne Heider, Laura Boyd, Rick Russell, Ted Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Mary Owen, Marilyn Murata, Kevin Barrans, Mimi Wright, and Dan Burk. She led 72b.

Fred read the following names of the deceased: Trinity Jennings, David Herman, Lois Herrin, and Miles Walbrecht—California; Cheryl Foreman—Texas; Chris Dronen, Paul Peterson, and Frank H. Wood—Minnesota; Eva Streibeck—Germany; Lydia Lewallen—North Carolina; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; Melanie Hauff and Ted Mercer—Illinois; Marlon Wootten and Norma Green—Alabama; George Burnette—Georgia; Alfred Sausotle, John Van Duzer, and Pete Mathewson—Colorado; Linda Shropshire—Tennessee; Anita Sanders—New Mexico; Becky

Browne—Missouri; P. Dan Brittain and Lloyd Caldwell—Arkansas; Dorothy Landskroener—Ohio. He led 285t, and then offered prayer.

Lisa Grayson led a memorial for Ted Mercer, recognizing his contributions to Sacred Harp singing in California. Lisa, Mary Rose O'Leary, and Carolyn Deacy led 278b. Leaders: John Giles 298; Sarah Hill 122; Chris Thorman 56t; Erin Schneider and Jamie Ross 58; Mitchell Gustin 344; Rena Sunshine 47t. Jamie Ross asked for a blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

David Elsenbroich led 82t to reassemble the class. Leaders: Emma Swartz 383; David Brodeur 189; Jennifer Jones 377; Carol Huang 419; Bob Schinske 542 (in memory of Steve Helwig); Rachael Geary 445; Edward Ricemeyer 203; David Smead 464; Betsy Jeronen 392; Andy Ditzler 556; Rosie Sokolov 400; Alex Forsyth 507; Stephanie Fida 491; Jeff Begley 330b; Lisa Grayson 536; Lisa Bennett 313b (in memory of Dan Brittain); Katie Eichenlaub White, Brian How, and Gerry Hoffman 86.

RECESS

John Giles led 32t to recall the class. Leaders: Laurie Burk 245; Lucy O'Leary, Ronnie Carrillo, Eileen Hatrick, Eitan Sadeh, and Sarah Patterson 550; Bruce Teter 441; Liza Pattison 163b; Carri Grindon and Nathan Schraeder 497; Gerry Hoffman 297; Sean Francis Conway 48t.

A business meeting was held to hear reports from the committees. Lucy O'Leary of the Resolutions Committee offered thanks to the Tongva Tribe, on whose land the singing was held, and announced that a donation would be sent to the local Tongva Taraxat Paxava Conservancy in appreciation. Mitchell Gustin offered the resolution that the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention would convene again in the Bay Area on the third Sunday and Saturday before in January, 2025. The resolutions committee recognized those who helped for their work. They thanked the LA Department of Parks and Recreation for their support with facilities, and the Bay Area Sacred Harp group for their organizational assistance. Alison Fisher gave the Secretary's report stating that ninety-two songs were sung on Saturday and eighty-four songs on Sunday, for a total of one hundred seventy-six songs led by one hundred one unique leaders, representing thirteen states and four countries in addition to the US. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Al Grindon led 62 as the closing song. Jamie Ross offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Al Grindon; Vice Chairperson—Carolyn Deacy; Secretary—Alison Fisher

CREEL MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING **County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama** **Sunday, January 21, 2024**

The Creel Memorial *Christian Harmony* Singing was held on the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Yancey Jett leading 31t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Yancey Jett 338b; Cassie Allen 41t, 250t; Tim Taylor 322, 417b; Katlin Bailey 362, 336t; Jason Smith and Mary Amelia Taylor 19, 303; Marlin Beasley 337b, 111t; Mary Amelia Taylor 64, 281b; Calum Woods 110, 69; Haley Aaron 128b; Jeff James 129, 230b.

RECESS

Cassie Allen led 176 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jane Cannon 312, 316; Butch White 159t, 420; Stefani Priskos 201, 276; Ken Tate 166, 404b; Lauren Bock 186, 54; Nathan Rees 203, 307; Ann Jett 170, 180.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ken Tate leading 133. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 10 (in memory of Elsie Moon), 238 (for Wanda Capps); Tommy Begley 364, 365; Danny Creel 354, 326; Jesse P. Karlsberg 63b, 38; Thom Fahrbach 352, 1; Mike Spencer 409b, 410b; Beth Branscome 36t, 412t; Rodney Ivey 67b, 63t; Cindy Tanner 43, 51, 168b; Cindy Tanner and Yancey Jett 287; Yancey Jett 93, 264 (for Wanda Capps); Calum Woods 150; Thom Fahrbach 548; Tommy Begley 109; Jane Cannon 432b; Katlin Bailey 268; Nathan Rees 332; Mike Spencer 493b; Stefani Priskos 16; Maggie Gammons and Katlin Bailey 448t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 155; Lauren Boch 14; Cassie Allen 546b, 292, 23b. Ken Tate offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretaries—Ainslie Allen and Cindy Tanner

AUSTRALIAN SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Brunswick Uniting Church, Brunswick, Australia

January 27-28, 2024

Saturday, January 27

The 7th Australian Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Brunswick Uniting Church hall in January, 2024. Shawn Whelan called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 376. Shawn welcomed everyone to the convention, and acknowledged the traditional owners of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, paying respect to Elders past and present. Chris Phillips offered the opening prayer.

Natalie Sims taught a singing school, which was followed by a business session.

Leaders and members of committees were elected as follows: Chairman—Shawn Whelan; Deputy Chairman—Natalie Sims; Secretary—Morag Logan; Arranging Committee—Morag Logan, Natalie Sims, and Lauren Reader; Registration Committee—Myfanwy Godfrey and Lauren Reader; Treasurer—Melanie Albrecht; Food Coordinator—Naomi Colville. Shawn Whelan also thanked Morag Logan and Peter Rayner for having organised and hosted an excellent Friday evening social, including a walking-and-singing tour and dinner at their home.

Leaders: Peter Rayner 324; Angharad Davis 95; Shawn Whelan 276; Ruby Foster 319; Nick Hall 36b; Natalie Sims 448b; Tom MacDonald 163b; Lauren Reader 299; Caitlin McHugh 311; Morag Logan 472; Myfanwy Godfrey 535; Chris Phillips 504; Rachel Jordan 492; Meg Quinlisk 380; Peter Rayner 99; Angharad Davis 75; Shawn Whelan 168.

RECESS

Meg Quinlisk called the group together by leading 30t. Leaders: Chris Phillips 267; Rachel Jordan 155; Peter Rayner 236; Caitlin McHugh 191; Ruby Foster 524; Morag Logan 442; Nick Hall 448t; Angharad Davis 39b; Myfanwy Godfrey 277; Tom MacDonald 240; Natalie Sims 26; Lauren Reader 163t; Shawn Whelan 56b; Chris Phillips 457; Meg Quinlisk 245; Rachel Jordan 200; Peter Rayner 84; Caitlin McHugh 142; Morag Logan 38b; Ruby Foster 171; Nick Hall 254. Chaplain Chris Phillips offered prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Shawn Whelan called the class to order. Leaders: Ruby Foster 280; Angharad Davis 269; Natalie Sims 112; Tom MacDonald 550; Daniel Whelan 192; Morag Logan 551; Shawn Whelan 532; Lauren Reader 344; Meg Quinlisk 430; Chris Phillips 117; Rachel Jordan 189; Peter Rayner 217; Nick Hall 455; Caitlin McHugh 432; Ruby Foster 198; Angharad Davis 304; Natalie Sims 475; Tom MacDonald 384; Daniel Whelan 106; Morag Logan 86; Shawn Whelan 481; Lauren Reader 209; Meg Quinlisk 385b; Chris Phillips 268; Rachel Jordan 503.

RECESS

Peter Rayner called the class to order leading 312b. Shawn Whelan led 383. Chris Phillips conducted the memorial lesson, and led 159. The following sick and shut-ins

were remembered: Bob Colville, Emma Tennant, Margaret David, Ruth McNamara, Alex McNamara, Beth Warnes, Seth Dickens, Rob Mahoney, Robin Nicholson, Paula, Gail Walker, Cynthia Park, and Em Chandler.

Then we remembered those who have passed away in the last year: Julie Efron, Dan Brittain, Eva Striebeck, Julia Harilaou, Evan Harilaou, and George Cromarty. We spent some time in prayer and reflection. Chris Phillips led 63.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 565; Morag Logan 66; Angharad Davis 30b; Chris Phillips 82t; Lauren Reader 70t; Ruby Foster 365; Nick Hall 313b; Natalie Sims 128; Tom MacDonald 474; Daniel Whelan 37b; Meg Quinlisk 425; Caitlin McHugh 29t; Peter Rayner 183; Shawn Whelan 274t; Rachel Jordan 228; Morag Logan 72b; Angharad Davis 96. Shawn Whelan led 62 as the closing song. Chris Phillips offered the closing prayer.

All present were invited to an evening social at the home of one of the local members and we enjoyed a very pleasant evening together, singing a number of songs from the *Shenandoah Harmony*.

Sunday, January 28

For the Sunday session of the Australian Sacred Harp Singing Convention, we gathered around a picnic meal in the grounds. Shawn Whelan called the class to order at 1:00 p.m. Chris Phillips offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Shawn Whelan 48t; Lauren Reader 482; Meg Quinlisk 47t; Rachel Jordan 52t; Jim Kilpatrick 178; Chris Phillips 76b; Jill Griffiths 146; Nick Hall 452; Caitlin McHugh 148; Peter Rayner 67; Ruby Foster 179; Morag Logan 34b; Tom MacDonald 271t; Angharad Davis 324; Natalie Sims 318; Shawn Whelan 362; Lauren Reader 512; Rachel Jordan 564; Meg Quinlisk 68b; Jim Kilpatrick 163b; Chris Phillips 415; Jill Griffiths 388; Ruby Foster 215.

RECESS

Tom MacDonald called the class together leading 113. Leaders: Morag Logan 107; Angharad Davis 419; Natalie Sims 460; Shawn Whelan 348t; Rachel Jordan 187; Ruby Foster 553; Jim Kilpatrick 457; Chris Phillips 275t; Lauren Reader 122; Nick Hall 515; Caitlin McHugh 284; Angharad Davis 426t; Natalie Sims 32b; Peter Rayner 442; Shawn Whelan 224; Jill Griffiths 84; Meg Quinlisk 383; Tom MacDonald 193; Morag Logan 47b; Ruby Foster 195; Rachel Jordan 347; Jim Kilpatrick 155; Chris Phillips 79; singers from regional Victoria (Lauren Reader) 339; international visitors (Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall) 273; the Sydney singers, who participate in Morris dancing (Tom MacDonald, Caitlin McHugh, Ruby Foster) 254; Sydney singers who do not participate in Morris dancing (Meg Quinlisk, Angharad Davis, Lachlan Warner) 323b. Shawn Whelan thanked all those who worked so hard to make the convention a success, mentioning particularly the officers and committee members. The Secretary reported that over the course of the convention one hundred forty-one songs had been led by eighteen different leaders. Announcements were made for upcoming events.

Chris Phillips closed the day and the convention with prayer. Shawn Whelan led 340 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Shawn Whelan; Secretary—Morag Logan

DAHLONEGA SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Dahlonega, Georgia Saturday, February 3, 2024

The first Dahlonega *Shenandoah Harmony* Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 9t. The opening prayer was offered by Abigail Cannon. All song selections are from *The Shenandoah Harmony*.

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 260t; Abigail Cannon 13b, 140t; Nicholas Thompson 242, 403; Andy Ditzler 279, 195; Tim Gregg 17, 420t; Jim Neal 64, 4t; Lisa Bennett 15, 30; Alissa Eiesland 171, 104b; Chris Wilhelm 235, 270.

RECESS

Esther Morgan-Ellis led 79 to bring the class together. Leaders: David Smead 424b, 140b; Tim Morton 180, 254; David Brodeur 114; Mary Baumeister 124; Gail Doss 31, 335; Nicholas Thompson 226; Esther Morgan-Ellis 260b (for Don Bowen); Andy Ditzler 278 (in memory of Dan Brittain); Tim Gregg 266; Jim Neal 57; Lisa Bennett 14. Jim Neal asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 162. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 368, 265; Dave Farmer 177, 183; Tim Morton 218t, 128; Tim Gregg 287, 446t; David Smead 420b; Judy Mincey 348t; Chris Wilhelm 370 (in memory of Dan Brittain); Mary Baumeister 240; Alissa Eiesland 404t; Lisa Bennett 340b; Andy Ditzler 290; Jim Neal 129b; David Brodeur 431.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Esther Morgan Ellis; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson. It was decided to make this singing an annual event occurring on Saturday before the first Sunday in February each year.

RECESS

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 305; Shawn Taylor 53; Dave Farmer 5b, 4b; David Smead 236b (in memory of Dan Brittain); Mary Baumeister 144; Alissa Eiesland 22b; Esther Morgan-Ellis 200; Nicholas Thompson 87; Judy Mincey 282, 382 (in memory of Lee Rogers); Andy Ditzler 258; Tim Morton 145; Nicholas Thompson 424t, 109. Announcements were made.

Esther Morgan-Ellis led 179 as the closing song. Jim Neal offered the closing prayer. Chairperson—Esther Morgan Ellis; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

ROTUNDA SINGING

Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama Saturday, February 3, 2024

The 25th session of the Rotunda Singing was held in the foyer of the Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in February. Four songbooks were used: *The Colored Sacred Harp*; *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*; *the Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*; and *The Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition*. The class was called to order by Stefani Priskos leading 32t. She welcomed the class, and then Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Stefani Priskos 30b; Arlon Gardner 565; Ann Riley 542; David Ivey 85; Joey Brackner 430; Beth Branscome 228; Jack Nelson 399b; Ted Price 300; Karen Clark 573 (CB); Mary Amelia Taylor 380t (CB); Michael Rogers 40 (CB); Isabelle Green 162 (CB); Tim Taylor 567 (CB); Danny Creel 355 (CB); Ellen Fournier 559 (CB); John T. Blakeley 522 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 82 (CB); Katlin Bailey 276 (CB); Steve Grauberger 127 (CB); Kennon Smith 30t (CB); Daila Taylor 277 (CB); Jonathon Blakeley 47b (CB); Cindy Tanner 358 (CB) (by request); Jim Carnes 133 (CH); Jeff James 264 (CH); Dylan Fezzell 172 (CH); Gavin Blakeley 261t (CH); Herbert Buchanan 179 (CH); Cindy Tanner 51 (CH); Jack Nelson 109 (CH); Stefani Priskos 171 (CH); Arlon Gardner 380 (CH); Danny Creel 186 (CH).

RECESS

The class was called back together by Stefani Priskos leading 29 (CSH). Leaders: Joey Brackner 24 (CSH); Karen Clark 12 (CSH); Herbert Buchanan “Lord, Give Me

Just A Little More Time"; David Ivey 3 (CSH); Jim Carnes 19 (CSH); Steve Grauberger 95 (CSH).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Stefani Priskos leading 472. Leaders: Chris Parris 421; Bradley Smith 73b; Cheyenne Ivey 56t; Haley Rodgers 178; Elene Stovall 172; Gavin Blakeley 196; Beth Branscome 99; Tim Taylor 475; Isabelle Green 146; Katlin Bailey 107; Ted Price 137; Michael Rodgers 239 (CB); Ellen Fournier 511t (CB); Ann Riley 96 (CB); Kennon Smith 189 (CB); Daila Taylor 376 (CB); Mary Amelia Taylor 464 (CB); Jeff James 514 (CB); Karen Clark 574 (CB) (in memory of Tommie Spurlock); Dylan Fezzell 377t (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Stefani Priskos 67b (CH); Danny Creel 432b (CH); Herbert Buchanan 143 (CH); Jack Nelson 117 (CH); Arlon Gardner 216t (CH); Gavin Blakeley 153 (CH); Dylan Fezzell 184 (CH); Jeff James 250t (CH); Tim Taylor 417b (CH); Beth Branscome 470 (CH); Katlin Bailey 362 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 336t (CH); Cindy Tanner 322 (CH).

Stefani Priskos led 200 (CH) as the closing song. Tim Taylor dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Stefani Priskos; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama Sunday, February 4, 2024

The annual Burnham and Brown Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Wesley Foundation Student Center on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Kathy Williams and Tom George leading 36b. The opening prayer was offered by Tom George. Kathy Williams addressed the class, suggesting that today's singing be dedicated to the memory of Pearl Guier. The class agreed.

Leaders: Tom George 72b; Judy Caudle 448b; Pam Nunn 186; Daniel Lee 302; Bert Collins 542; Gail Doss 448t; Cecil Roberts 312b; Winfred Kerr 77b; Susan Lee 300; Rodney Ivey 225t; Lisa Bennett 274t; Denney Rogers 345t; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Robert Chambless 303; Glenda Collins 63; Buell Cobb 417.

RECESS

Kathy Williams led 151 to bring the class together. Leaders: Judy Mincey 497; David Smead 352; Alissa Eiesland 125; Tim Gregg 498; Shawn Taylor 564; Judy Chambless 282 (in memory of Tommie Spurlock); Alex Forsyth 138b; Tim Morton 279; Karen Rollins 120 (in memory of Philip Denney and Richard Mauldin); Lucey Rose Karlsberg and Meredith Ivey 196; Everett Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 37b; Nicholas Thompson 336 (in memory of Lydia Lewallen); Sarah George 212; David Brodeur 192; Racheal Geary 166; Bridge Kennedy 391 (for Max Berueffy); Elene Stovall 389; Jesse P. Karlsberg 90; David Ivey 92; Reba Windom 318; Richard Ivey 380; Rene Greene 436. Cecil Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Kathy Williams leading 155. Leaders: Kelsey Ivey 328; Andy Ditzler 353 (in memory of Dan Brittain); Daniel Lee and Susan Lee 278t; Alex Forsyth and Racheal Geary 142; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 96; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 105; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 84; Tom George and Sarah George 546; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 187; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 450; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Shawn Taylor 553; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 143; Bridge Kennedy and Judy Caudle 500; Gail Doss, Lynette Spencer, and Christen Warner 501; Elene Stovall and Cheyenne Ivey 384; Judy Mincey and Alissa

Eiesland 65; Tim Gregg, Nicholas Thompson, and Tim Morton 123b; David Ivey 93; Reba Windom, Rene Greene, and Pam Nunn 269; Kathy Williams 30b. Kathy Williams and Tom George led 56t as the closing song. Tom George offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Kathy Williams; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP SINGING
George W Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas
Saturday, February 10, 2024

The 23rd annual Baylor University Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Great Hall of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Texas. Dr. Stuart Ivey gave a few introductory remarks about Sacred Harp and taught a singing school prior to the start of the singing. Donald Ross then welcomed the class and called the class together leading 59. Dr. Scott Buie offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Donald Ross 30t; Diane Ross 308; Stuart Ivey 472; Joseph Sherer 186; Robert Vaughn 67; Dr. Randal Bradley 354b; Tammy Powell 163b; Findley Ross 282; Elizabeth Laube 452; Brody Ross 72b; Beverly Coates 129; Chuck Bridwell 299; Rick Foreman 31t; Jerry Ryan 145t; Gayle Avant 68b; Matthew Laube 277; Lucy Murphy 178; Chris Nicholson and Charity Vaughn 212; Charity Vaughn and Chris Nicholson 297; Emily Brown 475; Kyle Hearne 39t; Brooke Robb 30b; Adekunie Oyeniyi 350; Jane Akenga 45t; Chris Griswall 183; Marie Monteiro and Stuart Ivey 457; Shina and Tammy Powell 312b; Donald Ross 481; Diane Ross 354t; Karen Ivey 353; Antonius and Stuart Ivey 355; Stuart Ivey 425. Dr. Randal Bradley blessed the noon meal.

LUNCH

Donald Ross brought the class back together leading 331. Leaders: Robert Vaughn 39b; Joseph Sherer 58; Tammy Powell 572; Kyle Hearne 328; Sarah Davis and Emily Brown 31b; Elizabeth Laube 125; Beverly Coates 66; Will Jackson 81t; Brody Ross 176b; Brooke Robb and Rick Foreman 146; Rick Foreman 448t; Findley Ross 480; Jerry Ryan and Tori Cramer 274t; Abby Guel and Randal Bradley 128; Abby Gan and Matthew Laube 268; Sara Martinez and Elizabeth Laube 49t; Matthew Laube 63; Karen Ivey 182; Chris Griswall 209; Emily Brown 208; Chris Nicholson and Charity Vaughn 448t; Lucy Murphy 35; Jane Akenga and Emily Brown 47b; Gayle Avant 124; Will Jackson and Karen Ivey 68b; Sarah Davis 77b; Abby Guel and Abby Gan 73b; Sarah Martinez 145b; Randal Bradley 218. Announcements were made. Donald Ross led 347 as the closing song. Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Donald Ross; Secretary—Diane Ross

EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING
Cannon Chapel, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, February 10, 2024

Cathy Bonk called the 18th annual Emory Sacred Harp singing to order leading 63. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cathy Bonk 128; Bill DuPre 49b, 73t; Jerusha Wheeler 39t, 107; Jesse P. Karlsberg 82t, 275b; Laura Akerman 61, 220; John Plunkett 155 (for Scott Swanton), 127; Debora Grosse 266, 121; Lisa Bennett 569b, 43; Jim Neal 84, 406; Malinda Snow 117, 168. Jesse P. Karlsberg introduced a display of historical songbooks from the collection of Richard DeLong, recently given to Pitts Theology Library by DeLong's family.

RECESS

Cathy Bonk brought the class back to order leading 171. During a business session, the class elected the following officers: Chairman—Bill DuPre; Vice Chairwoman—Debra Grosse; Secretary—Jerusha Wheeler. Leaders: David Smead 437, 391; Esther Morgan-Ellis 472 (for Amanda Ohrn), 224; Lela Crowder 157, 29t; Abigail Cannon 97, 335; Ray Rechenberg 277, 203; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Emory students from the Performing Arts and Devotion class 40.

Malinda Snow conducted the memorial lesson, in which she spoke about our kinship as singers and how the songs in our tunebook remind us of our mortality. Malinda read aloud the following list of names of the deceased: Philip Denney, Alice Sampson—Georgia; Hubert Nall, Richard Mauldin, Tommie Spurlock—Alabama; Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Dan Burk, Maury Burkes—California; Eva Striebeck—Germany. Malinda also read the name of Scott Swanton, who was sick. Malinda Snow led 176b in honor of the deceased and sick, and then closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jose Camacho-Cerna 384, 272; Oscar McGuire 515, 34b. Jim Neal offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill DuPre called the class back to order following dinner on the grounds leading 32t. Leaders: John Plunkett and Alpha Watson 176t, 178; Jim Neal 496; Lela Crowder 215; Ray Rechenberg 148, 71; Abigail Cannon 42, 500; Jose Camacho-Cerna 498, 534; Oscar McGuire 181, 163b; Esther Morgan-Ellis 348b, 113; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Emory students from the Performing Arts and Devotion class 45t; Lisa Bennett 150 (for Ansel Wolfe); Matt Hinton 151, 147t; Malinda Snow 510; Cathy Bonk 159; David Smead 481 (in memory of P. Dan Brittain), 291; Jerusha Wheeler 35; Debra Grosse, Joe Townsend, and Arthur Hallett-West 236; Laura Akerman 235; Erick Rubio and Jose Camacho-Cerna 86, 47b. Announcements were made. Ray Rechenberg led 285t.

Esther Morgan-Ellis led 448b as the closing song. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill DuPre; Vice Chairwoman—Debra Grosse; Secretary—Jerusha Wheeler

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** **Saturday, February 10, 2024**

The 32nd annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing was held on the second Saturday in February at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the 64th annual University of Chicago Folk Festival. The class was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Ginny Landgraf leading 72b. Because this singing is a workshop intended for people who are new to Sacred Harp, Ginny turned the floor over to the singing school master, Lisa Grayson, who explained the rudiments of shapenote singing and gave a brief history of Sacred Harp using 47b and 49t as teaching examples.

Leaders: Randy Neufeld 99; Jim Helke 271t; Brady Santoro 340; Kathleen Taylor 79; Mark Dawson 496; Michael Roth 186; Jim Swanson 216; Matthew Seifert 217; Sam Pavlekovsky 288; Eileen Ferguson 547; Susan Geil 565; Anita Shaperd 171.

Lisa Grayson continued with the singing school, and talked about shapenote singing in contemporary times.

Leaders: Sylvie Senauke and Matthew Seifert 267; Ulrike Brauneis 504; Randy Neufeld 29t; Ginny Landgraf 378b; Ruthie Holtrop and Lisa Grayson 117; Jim Helke 37b; Brady Santoro 250; Mark Dawson 236.

The floor was opened for questions from the participants, and announcements were made. The class took the parting hand while singing 347.

Chairperson—Lisa Grayson; Secretary—Mary Rogel

MINNESOTA MIDWINTER COOPER BOOK SINGING

St. Paul, Minnesota

Saturday, February 10, 2024

The Minnesota Convention met at Olivet Lutheran Church in St. Paul for a Midwinter All-Day Singing from the *Cooper Book* on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Mike Mullin and Paul Wyatt leading 511t. Steven Schmidgall offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Claudia Egelhof 63; Matt Wells 273; Jim Pfau 171; Hannah Lutz 505; Miles Alexander 40; Midge Olsen 218; Tamara Shewmaker 590; Suzanne McFate 124t; Jim Goetz 484; Jeanette Nelson 449; Cathy Lutz 138t; Nadia Bolz-Weber 571; Martha Henderson 208; Carol Buche and Stephen Parker 587; Ben Fink 478.

RECESS

Steve Schmidgall led 391 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mike Mullin 268b; Kat Kohorst 416t; Eleanor Haase 142; Paul Landskroener 41; Isabel Segalovich 183; Karen Clark 520; Chris Geissler 156; Cathy Jordan 300; Michael Moore 264t; Kit Canright 336t; Paul Wyatt 327; Stacey Berkheimer 448.

RECESS

Steven Levine led 293b to bring the class back together. Mike Mullin and Paul Wyatt led 176t as the memorial lesson. Names of the deceased were as follows: Pastor Sam Butler—Florida and Minnesota; Tommie Spurlock and Marlon Wootten—Alabama; Becky Browne—Missouri; Eva Striebeck—Germany; John Van Duzer—Colorado; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; P. Dan Brittain and Lloyd Caldwell—Arkansas; Lydia Lewallen—North Carolina; Joyce Luttinen—Wisconsin; Marian Syrjamiki—Minnesota. The names of the sick and shut-ins follows: Robert Lockhart, Ginnie Ely, Joe Crouse, Pastor Doug Donley, and Donna Anderson.

Leaders: Steve Luttinen 504; Anna Pfau Clark 210; Karen Swenson 55; Jacob Kiakahi 581; Jeanette Nelson 486; Mike Mullin and Paul Wyatt 369.

LUNCH

Paul Landskroener led 87 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Haley Walsh 148; Hanna Peterson 421; Hannah Lutz 393; Alec Jenkins-White 559; Steven Schmidgall 96; Steve Florman 164; CJ McFate 332; Tamara Shewmaker 137; Matt Wells 133; Joel Settleholm 50t; Jim Pfau 269; Kat Kohorst 38t; Jacob Kiakahi 39; Eleanor Haase 575; Shana Wenger 303; Ben Fink 229; Karen Clark 573.

RECESS

Anna Pfau Clark led 550 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Steven Levine 580; Paul Landskroener 150; Steven Parker 32t; Miles Alexander 77t; Steve Luttinen 380b; Suzanne McFate 340; Claudia Egelhoff 586; Chris Geissler 50b; Haley Walsh 49t; Michael Moore 563; Alec Jenkins-White 574; Cathy Lutz 410; Carol Buche 500; Jacob Kiakahi 411; Midge Olsen 235; Martha Henderson 503.

Paul Wyatt and Mike Mullin led 527 as the closing song. Steven Schmidgall offered the closing prayer.

Chairmen—Paul Wyatt and Mike Mullin; Secretaries—Claudia Egelhoff and Karen Swenson

SANDERS MEMORIAL

McCormick, Jefferson County, Alabama

Saturday, February 10, 2024

The annual Sanders Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, McCormick, Jefferson County, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Brenda Chafin leading 56t. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White. Brenda welcomed the class, and stated, jestingly, that she was the first to arrive on premises. She led 63.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson; Arranging—Linda Booth.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 313t (in memory of Hubert Nall), 431 (for Henry Guthery); Linda Booth 84, 350; Tom Booth 111b, 123t; Nancy Phillips 87, 196; Butch White 313b, 535; Beth Branscome 217, 150; Jim Aaron 47b, 68b; David Jackson 101t, 37b; Louise Yeager 276, 480; Roma Rice 33b, 42.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Linda Booth leading 31t. Leaders: Zena Tucker 274t, 504; Amber Davis, Emma Loveless, and Josiah Loveless 59, 72b, 192, 391 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Drew McGuire 329, 213t; Greg Allred 36b, 452; Bea Aaron 426b, 475; Lori Rogers 472, 162; Susan Allred 112, 385b. Greg Allred asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom Booth leading 44. Leaders: Henry McGuire 94, 456; Ann Jett 136, 498; Larry Ballinger 97 (for Earl Ballinger), 50b; Lisa Geist 528 (for Earl Ballinger), 228; Nicholas Thompson 517, 402 (for Margaret Keeton); Rodney Ivey 403 (for Earl Ballinger), 432; Cassie Allen 373, 166 (in memory of Flarce Creel); Beth Branscome 208; Drew McGuire 532; Nancy Phillips 388; Susan Allred 384; David Jackson 49b; Roma Rice 93; Larry Ballinger 428; Cassie Allen 419 (in memory of Velton Chafin); Zena Tucker 30t; Bea Aaron 80b (for Earl Ballinger); Ann Jett 319; Henry McGuire 430; Rodney Ivey 268; Amber Davis 2242; Drew McGuire 455. Announcements were made.

Brenda Chafin and Tom Booth led 62 as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

H.R. AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING

Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Daviston, Alabama Sunday, February 11, 2024

The annual H.R. Avery Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Charlotte Bishop leading 32t. Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer. Charlotte Bishop led 61 and 63.

In a business meeting, the motion was made to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Isabelle Green; Arranging—Jordan McGuire. The motion carried and the business session was closed.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b, 171; Winfred Kerr 77b, 182; Jack Nelson 229, 228; Bill DuPre 49b, 378b; Lynda Fagan 335, 45t; Shane Brown 114, 65.

RECESS

Stanley Smith led 81t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Stanley Smith 82t, 100; Sarah George 275b, 204; Ted Price 39b, 340; Sharon Whitehead 112, 480; Audrey Blakeley 109, 146; Charlotte Bishop 268, 229 (CB); Isabelle Green 569b, 176b; Diane Avery 186, 145b; Jordan McGuire 68b, 143; Tom George 108t, 560. Jack Nelson asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Charlotte Bishop leading 294. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Stanley Smith led 86 for the following sick and shut-ins: William Futral, Virginia Futral, Robert Chambless, Judy Chambless, and Lavelle Hawkins. Oscar McGuire led 566 in memory of the following deceased: Tommie Spurlock, Clyde Avery, Norma Green, Philip Denney, Hubert Nall, and Nellie Estes. Leaders: Jordan McGuire 535; Lynda Fagan 288; Stanley Smith 134; Sarah George 47b; Audrey Blakeley 123t; Bill DuPre 148; Winfred Kerr 89; Oscar McGuire 452;

Shane Brown 99; Tom George 267; Charlotte Bishop 110; Jack Nelson 475; Ted Price 28b; Isabelle Green 137; Sharon Whitehead 565; Justine Whitehead and Jordan McGuire 282. Announcements were made. Charlotte Bishop led 62 as the closing song. Ted Price offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Isabelle Green

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION, WASHINGTON
Ballard Homestead, Seattle, Washington
February 17-18, 2024

Saturday, February 17

The Washington Session of the 31st annual Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was called to order by David Wright leading 59. Erik Schwab offered the opening prayer. The convention held a business meeting, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Laura McMurray; Rising Chairman—Susan Helf; Treasurer—Karen Willard; Secretary—Peter Schinske; Arranging Committee—Bob Schinske and Ian Suchon; Chaplains—Erik Schwab and Sidra Schkerke; Memorial Committee—Erik Schwab and Bob Schinske. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Karen Willard 42; Peter Schinske 47t; Clarissa Fetrow 30t; Peter Abrahamsen 335; Shannon McGuire 112; Anne Huckins 39t; Jim Friedrich 196; Kate Fine 269; Sidra Schkerke and Erik Schwab 421; Karen Stingle 551; Susan Helf 66; Dorothy Robinson 103; Katie Mahoney 67; Aisha Morgan 56b; Kristofer Ilex 32t.

RECESS

Jennifer Jones called the class to order leading 72b. Leaders: Dami Osoba 372; Wing Mui 300; Kathy Vlach 475; Mryka Hall-Beyer 547; Sofia Shalotenko and David Wright 130; Nadia Bolz-Weber 277; Paul Large Chamberlain 312b; Carrie Walker 61; Nell Whitman 535; Claire Hogan 131t; Mark Godfrey 271t (in memory of Zachary Keebaugh); Susan Fetcho 564 (in memory of David Fetcho); Debbie Pfeiffer and Claire Hogan 479; Jamie Dawson 106; Erik Schwab 168; Kate Coxon 215; David Brodeur 299.

RECESS

Mark Godfrey and Leigh Cooper called the class to order leading 82t. Leaders: John Berendzen 566; June Thomasson 178; Jenna Tompkins 318; Wren Hyde 100; Ian Suchon 186; Patrick Coghlan 492; Betsy Jeronen 426t; Edouard Beaudry 304; Dana Steege-Jackson 162; Corinne Serfass 383; Rebecca Edwards 402; Heather Purdy 204; Andy Ditzler 301. Erik Schwab offered thanks for the meal.

LUNCH

John Berendzen called the class to order leading 159. Leaders: Bob Schinske 142; Rosie Sokolov 384; Leigh Cooper 30b (in memory of Zachary Keebaugh); Jack Lofton 456; Evelyn Lamb 102; Jennifer Jones 436; Julia Zaffarano 440; Kevin Barrans 68b; Stephanie Fida 536; Thom Fahrback 360; Marla Elliott 236; Douglas Hill 187; Eleanor 457; Karen Willard 574 (CB) (in memory of Tommie Spurlock); David Wright 361; Laura McMurray 345b; Peter Schinske 358; Mark Godfrey 432; David Brodeur 572; Claire Hogan 216; Ian Suchon 245.

RECESS

Edouard Beaudry called the class to order leading 294. Leaders: Thom Fahrback 327; Paul Martin and Andy Ditzler 411; Julia Zaffarano 379; Jack Lofton 344; Rebecca Edwards 153; Evelyn Lamb 297; Mryka Hall-Beyer 210; Corinne Serfass 285t; Betsy Jeronen 422; Kate Coxon 548; Susan Helf 34b; Dami Osoba 47b; Nadia Bolz-Weber 448t; Spencer Stuart 313b; Andy Ditzler 511. Laura McMurray led 39b as the closing song. Erik Schwab offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, February 18

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Convention was called to order by Laura McMurray leading 49t. Sidra Schkerke offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Peter Schinske 313t; Ian Suchon 405; Erik Schwab 34b; Peter Abrahamsen 268; Jim Friedrich 163b; Anne Huckins 312b; Douglas Hill 32t; Eleanor 155; Susan Helf 112; Dorothy Robinson 429; Edouard Beaudry 183; Kathy Vlach 122; Sofia Shalotenko and Karen Willard 26; Jennifer Jones 101t; Kevin Barrans 373; Rosie Sokolov 283.

RECESS

Dami Osoba called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Kate Fortin 203; Jamie Dawson 423; Haley Boschert and Mryka Hall-Beyer 55; Sidra Schkerke 107; Kristofer Ilex 426b; Karen Stingle 455; Jenna Tompkins 532; Adam Morgan Berey 392; Nell Whitman 99; Carrie Walker 290; John Berendzen 550; Julia Zaffarano 500; Leigh Cooper 411; Claire Hogan 125; David Brodeur 434; Wren Hyde 58.

RECESS

Sam Thomas called the class to order leading 114. Leaders: Shannon McGuire 504; Susan Fetcho 460; Mryka Hall-Beyer 352; Patrick Coghlan and Kristofer Ilex 214 (in memory of David Fetcho).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Erik Schwab and Bob Schinske. Erik Schwab led 230 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Reed Schilbach, Jinx McGuire, Paul McGuire, Darlene Simpson-Brown, Jean Murphy, Bud Murphy, David Fly, Bill Fine, Lu Zeng and family, Linda Berkemeier, Cornelia Stanton, Eric Holt, Patricia Pena, Gaylon Powell, David Schmitt, and Manny Tebora.

Bob Schinske led 39b in honor of the following deceased: Eva Striebeck—Germany; Bruce Hildebrand, Dan Burk—California; Tommie Spurlock, Pearl Guier, Norma Green, and Marlon Wootten—Alabama; Dan Brittain and Lloyd Caldwell—Arkansas; Cherie Welsh, Tom Foster—Washington; Bruce Rowland—Washington and Oregon; Alfred Sausotte, Pete Mathewson, and John van Duzer—Colorado; Mike Greene—Massachusetts; Linda Perry—Ohio; Cheryl Foreman—Texas; Melanie Hauff—Illinois; Karin Wilson and Norman Wilson—Pennsylvania; Thom Harrison, George Burnette, and Philip Denney—Georgia; Dr. Sue Osborne—Virginia; Charlotte Ehrman—New York. Sidra Schkerke offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Andy Ditzler 176t; Corinne Serfass 180; Nadia Bolz-Weber 282. Sidra Schkerke offered thanks for the meal.

LUNCH

Claire Hogan called the class to order leading 270. Leaders: Karen Willard 481; David Wright 444 (in memory of Eva Striebeck); Evelyn Lamb 96; Kate Coxon 340; Kate Fine 507; Mark Godfrey 83t; Betsy Jeronen 499; Jack Lofton 442; Stephanie Fida 234; Dami Osoba 506; Thom Fahrback 201; Laura McMurray 138b; Heather Purdy 528; Sam Thomas 208; Paul Large Chamberlain 254; Bob Schinske 454.

RECESS

Adam Morgan Berey called the class to order leading 66. Leaders: Sara Ng 133; Leland Ross and Wren Hyde 338; Aisha Morgan 87; Susan Fetcho 146; Kit Fugate and Jenna Tompkins 81t; Andy Ditzler 542; Edouard Beaudry 172; Julia Zaffarano 430; Heather Purdy 121; Steven Golob and Andy Ditzler 335; Stephanie Fida 220; Wren Hyde 189; Kate Fortin 383; David Brodeur 560; Mryka Hall-Beyer 497; Kevin Barrans 129.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The treasurer reported that expenses were met through the generosity of attendees and made a motion to remit the Convention's purse to Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singers, Inc., which was accepted. Anne Huckins, Mryka Hall-Beyer, and Claire Hogan submitted a resolution, which was accepted, thanking the officers, committees, and volunteers,

and setting the 2025 Washington Session on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February. The arranging committee announced one hundred ten singers over both days, from two countries, seven states and two Canadian provinces, sang one hundred sixty-eight tunes. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made. Laura McMurray led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Sidra Schkerke offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Laura McMurray; Rising Chairperson—Susan Helf; Treasurer—Karen Willard; Secretary—Peter Schinske

J.L. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Saturday, February 24, 2024

The annual singing was brought to order by John Plunkett, who welcomed all that were present and led 59 for the opening song. Oscar McGuire prayed the opening prayer. John Plunkett led 30t, and then called the following leaders: Sandra Wilkinson 138t, 418; Malinda Snow 410, 264t; Bill DuPre 32t, 448t; Debora Grosse 449b, 155; David Brodeur 279, 491t; Judy Mincey 160b, 481t; Abigail Cannon 47t, 76b; Oscar McGuire 171, 177; Shawn Taylor 97, 515; David Smead 68b, 153.

RECESS

Sandra Wilkinson led 316 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 315, 448b; Linda Thompson 335, 334; Alissa Eiesland 487b; Russ Hanson 222; John Plunkett 91b, 297; Sandra Wilkinson 330t, 288; Malinda Snow 348; David Brodeur 508b, 91t; Judy Mincey 396b, 490b; Abigail Cannon 30b. Malinda Snow asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the class together and led 60. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 371, 276; Shawn Taylor 522, 217; David Smead 380b, 26 (in the back of book); Lisa Bennett 96, 436b; Linda Thompson 517, 143; Alissa Eiesland 444t, 502; Russ Hanson 299, 526; Laura Akerman 478t, 378t; Bill DuPre 328, 148; Russ Hanson 546t (in memory of Ervin Fejzic); John Plunkett 114t; Judy Mincey 54t, 55t; Lisa Bennett 327; Sandra Wilkinson 264b; Alissa Eiesland 381t; Laura Akerman 547t; Bill DuPre 73t; Oscar McGuire 483t; Russ Hanson 540; David Smead 486t; Shawn Taylor 212; David Brodeur 329; Linda Thompson 512.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 389t. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGING
Wisewood Methodist Church, Wisewood, United Kingdom
Saturday, February 24, 2024

The annual South Yorkshire All-Day Sacred Harp singing was held at the Wisewood Methodist Church in Sheffield. The class was called to order by Joshua Lant leading 460. Ted Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jacoba Bruneel 31t; Tom Sprackland 73t; Sam Carter 101t; Claire Welford 100; Richard Mayers 42; Erin Johnson-Williams 48b; John Sprackland 49b; Martel Reynolds 178; Matthew Parkinson 348b; Joyce Smith 176b; Simon Dumpleton 354t; Mika 39t; Phil Tyler 167; Sarah West 166; Ed Johnson-Williams 303; Jessica Beer 157; Werner Ullah 29t; Joy Spreadborough 148; Joe Vickers 131t; Samuel Turner 133.

RECESS

Joshua Lant brought the class back to order leading 209. Leaders: Leilai Immel-Parkinson 164; David Moore 38t; Anne Altringham 37b; Tom Sprackland 207; Jo-

anne Carlyle 547; Steve Brett 120; Hannah Land 445; Fynn Titford-Mock 97; Margaret Bradshaw 475; Ian West 182; Inga Buckland 92 (for Laurie Burk); Jan Geerts 448b.

Derek Buckland offered the lesson for the deceased and for the sick and housebound. He read the following list of names of the sick and housebound: Helen Brown, Cath Tyler, Di Elliott, Rike Fischer, Jan Saunt, and Katy Fullilove. Derek spoke about fellowship, considering our care for those prevented from being present, but also for all those with sickness and burden who are at the singing. He stressed the importance of fellowship being inclusive and welcoming, and how Sacred Harp singing provides this kind of fellowship. He spoke about kindness and reflected on how kindness is love with its work boots on. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Anna Zamboni—Italy; David Adler—Scotland; Ernest Preston, Helen Dent, Emily Webster, Dawn Jeffrey, Michael Keane, and Derek Paton-Williams—United Kingdom; Walter Graff—Minnesota, USA; Melanie Hauff—Illinois, USA; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Dorothy Landskroener—Ohio, USA; Richard Mauldin—Alabama, USA; Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Dan Burk—California, USA; Cheryl Foreman—Texas, USA. Derek led 330b for all the above named. Leaders: Cath Saunt 38b; Chris Coombs 103; Calum Parker 566; Erin Johnson-Williams 340; Mika 89; Claire Welford 500; John Sprackland 503. Grace for the mid-day meal was offered by Hannah Land.

LUNCH

Sam Carter called the class back together by leading 106. Leaders: Charlotte Lynch and Joshua Lant 432; Werner Ullah 278t; Sarah West 181; Joe Vickers 298; Jessica Beer 436; Jan Geerts 528; Hannah Land 234; Steve Brett 380; Margaret Bradshaw 300; Derek Buckland 282; Cath Saunt 272; Calum Parker 434; Joyce Smith 216; Fynn Titford-Mock 396; Anne Altringham 542; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 370 (for Calum Woods); Inga Buckland 314; Richard Mayers 254; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 81t; Phil Tyler 442; Lilith Wozniak 326.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Ian West leading 105. Leaders: Samuel Turner 227; Joy Spreadborough 457; Martel Reynolds 504; Annabel Parkinson and Matthew Parkinson 354b; Ed Johnson-Williams 419; Jo-anne Carlyle 277; David Moore 299; Chris Coombs 142; Claire Welford 372; Erin Johnson-Williams 512; John Sprackland 66; Jacoba Bruneel 367; Matthew Parkinson 546; Fynn Titford-Mock 456; Inga Buckland 349; Derek Buckland 345b.

Joshua Lant led 347 as the closing song. Richard Mayers offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Joshua Lant; Secretaries—Jacoba Bruneel, Jo Kay, Oisín Kisdon-Ireland, Charlotte Lynch, and Tom Sprackland

THE SOCIAL HARP AND SACRED HARP SINGING **No. 3 Railroad Street Community Center, Arnoldsville, Georgia** **Sunday, February 25, 2024**

The 50th annual session of *The Social Harp* and Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in February. Michael Spencer brought the class to order by leading 86 (ScH). John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 31 (ScH); David Smead 35 (ScH); David Brodeur 133 (ScH); Lisa Bennett 75 (ScH); Shannon Primm 183 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 34 (ScH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 87 (ScH); Dave Farmer 98 (ScH); Lauren Bock 198 (ScH); Robert Kelley 141 (ScH); John Hollingsworth 156 (ScH) (for John Garst); José Camacho-Cerna 137 (ScH); Jane Cannon 23b (ScH); John Plunkett 212 (ScH); Bill Hogan 21 (ScH); Mary Baumeister 53 (ScH); Jesse P. Karlsberg, Lucey Rose Karlsberg and Hattie Karlsberg 19 (ScH); Shawn Taylor 103 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 61b (ScH).

RECESS

Leaders: Nathan Rees 182 (ScH); Judy Mincey 135 (ScH); Lucey Rose Karlsberg 207 (ScH); Michael Spencer 37 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 146 (ScH); David Smead 200 (ScH); David Brodeur 43 (ScH); Lisa Bennett 55t (ScH); Shannon Primm 213 (ScH); Oscar McGuire 159 (ScH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 199 (ScH); Dave Farmer 153 (ScH); Lauren Bock 155 (ScH).

The class went into a business session and elected the following officers: Chairman—Michael Spencer; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—David Smead. David Smead spoke about the history of this singing. *The Social Harp* was compiled by John Gordon McCurry of Hart County, Georgia, and published in 1855. It went through three printings and was the source of several songs in the Sacred Harp, but it fell into obscurity by the middle of the twentieth century. The University of Georgia Press reprinted *The Social Harp* in 1973, and there was a singing to celebrate the reprinting, which became this annual singing. Originally the *Social Harp* was the only book used, but by popular demand the Sacred Harp was added as a second book starting in 1986. The record in the minutes shows that song choices at the singing have changed over time—in the early years of the singing most leaders chose songs from the *Social Harp* that it shares in common with the Sacred Harp, but in recent years the great majority of the songs led from the *Social Harp* are not found in other books. Until 2020 the singing was held at different locations on the campus of the University of Georgia. John Hollingsworth described the huge crowds that would come to listen, and the minutes include accounts of figures like the Georgia artist Howard Finster giving speeches and singing, and television crews recording the proceedings.

Leaders: Robert Kelley 152 (ScH); José Camacho-Cerna 20b (ScH); Jane Cannon 61t (ScH); John Plunkett 218t (ScH); Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 192 (ScH); Mary Baumeister 134 (ScH); Jesse P. Karlsberg 170 (ScH); Shawn Taylor 209 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 51 (ScH); Nathan Rees 132 (ScH); Judy Mincey 184 (ScH). The poet and translator Coleman Barks was introduced, and recited part of Rumi's poem "What Was Said to the Rose" in appreciation for the singers.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Michael Spencer leading 354t. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 365; David Smead 449 (in memory of Dan Brittain); Alissa Eiesland 312b; Shawn Taylor 263; David Brodeur 327; Lisa Bennett 232 (in memory of Dan Brittain); Shannon Primm 86 (for George-Ann Evans); Oscar McGuire 556; Esther Morgan-Ellis 320; Dave Farmer 532; Lauren Bock and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 196; Robert Kelley 273; Nancy Hogan 309; John Hollingsworth 240; José Camacho-Cerna 455; Jane Cannon 267; John Plunkett 351; Bill Hogan 195; Mary Baumeister 270 (in memory of Scott Swanton); Jesse P. Karlsberg 360; Christy Sinksen 186 (for Elsie Hollingsworth); Nathan Rees 338; Chris Wilhelm 228; Judy Mincey 547 (for Liz Patton and Marie Brazil). After announcements, Michael Spencer led 521 as the closing song. John Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Michael Spencer; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—David Smead

GREENWOOD COUNTY SACRED HARP SINGING **Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood, South Carolina** **Saturday, March 2, 2024**

The Greenwood County Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in March. Bill Hogan led 87, then gave a warm welcome to all in attendance and offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Nancy Hogan 171; Robert Kelley 30b; Jane Cannon 33b; Jeremiah Ledbetter 60; Dave Farmer 288; John Plunkett 495; Michael Spencer 289; Frances Carnell 114; Leon Carnell 86; Cheryl Powell 398; Bill Hogan

106; Nancy Hogan 401; Robert Kelley 285t; Jane Cannon 65; Jeremiah Ledbetter 44.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Dave Farmer leading 147b. Leaders: John Plunkett 93; Michael Spencer 467; Frances Carnell 230; Leon Carnell 107; Bill Hogan 277; Nancy Hogan 503; Robert Kelley 163t; Jane Cannon 564; Jeremiah Ledbetter 109; Dave Farmer 333; John Plunkett 471; Michael Spencer 191; Frances Carnell 228; Leon Carnell 276; Bill Hogan 268; Robert Kelley 155; Nancy Hogan 448b; Jane Cannon 269; Jeremiah Ledbetter 90; Dave Farmer 229; John Plunkett 394; Michael Spencer 382; Frances Carnell 365. Pastor Chris Christopher offered the blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

Bill Hogan brought led 179 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Nancy Hogan 53; Robert Kelley 98; Jane Cannon 318; Jeremiah Ledbetter 417; Dave Farmer 209; John Plunkett 187; Michael Spencer 308; Frances Carnell 220; Leon Carnell 178; Bill Hogan 532; Nancy Hogan 112; Robert Kelley 279; Jane Cannon 441; Jeremiah Ledbetter 540; Dave Farmer 538; John Plunkett 130; Michael Spencer 521; Frances Carnell 227; Leon Carnell 236. Announcements were made.

Bill Hogan led 323t as the closing song. Leon Carnell closed the day with prayer. Chairpersons—Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan; Secretary—Frances Carnell

OHIO STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION **German Club Edelweiss, Englewood, Ohio** **Saturday, March 2, 2024**

The 29th session of the Ohio State Sacred Harp Convention was held at German Club Edelweiss, Englewood, Ohio, on the first Saturday in March. Ray Rechenberg called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Herr. Ray Rechenberg welcomed the class and made some announcements. The class sang selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Leaders: Jerusha Wheeler 107; Shannon Tibbs 286; Claire Outten 29t; Tom Morton 49b; Beth Todd 89; Laura Ann Russell 318; Jim Herr 120; Lori Graber 314; Alice Bean 231; Ray Rechenberg 277; Tim Morton 546; Anne Missavage 276; Nigel Ewan 344; Bertha Buttner 72b.

RECESS

Jubal Bayer brought the class to order leading 417. Leaders: Marian Mitchell; Tim Gregg 515; Prisca Rice 523; David Casenhiser 421; Joel-Henry Mansfield 448t; Stephanie Milyard 455; Levi Duncan 178; Sarah Lynne Gershon 95; Dirk Yount 106.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Shannon Tibbs and Jubal Bayer. The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Greg Creech, Mary Creech, Ed Walton, Beegee Rechenberg, Vic Whisman, Steve Duff, Sue Duff, Michelle Duncan, Claudia Baldwin, Janet Fraembs, Joe Todd, Curtis Cook, and Laura Weber. The following deceased were remembered: Becky Browne—Missouri; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Peter Wilson—New York; Dave Brown—Washington; Len Chandler—California; Pete Sutherland—Vermont and Indiana; Jaime Gans—Indiana; Prudy Duff and Connie Crabtree—Ohio. Shannon Tibbs and Jubal Bayer concluded the memorial lesson by leading 47t. Ray Rechenberg offered prayer.

Leaders: Michael Domino 232; Lemuel Duncan 168; Rob Tibbs 117; Liz Hayes 209; Keith Yutzy 503; Jerusha Wheeler 192; Shannon Tibbs 147t; Claire Outten 112. Jim Herr led 164 (MH), and offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ray Rechenberg began the afternoon session by leading 501. Leaders: Beth Todd 373; Clara Herr 564; Tom Morton 496; Laura Ann Russell 198; Jim Herr 440; Larry

Duncan 121; Regina Frick 383; Lori Graber 472; Ray Rechenberg 300; Alice Bean 408; Tim Morton 434; Anne Missavage 236; Nigel Ewan 200; Bertha Buttner 480.
RECESS

The final session of singing began with Jubal Bayer leading 48t. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 464; Tim Gregg 426b; Prisca Rice 441; David Casenhiser 99; Ray Rechenberg 203; Joel-Henry Mansfield 569b; Stephanie Milyard 35; Levi Duncan 457; Sarah Lynne Gershon 58; Dirk Yount 275t; Lemuel Duncan 384; Rob Tibbs 271t; Liz Hayes 270; Clara Herr 313b; Regina Frick 312b.

The Chairman called for reports from the various committees. The secretary reported sixty-six registered from seven states. There were thirty-two leaders singing sixty-four songs. The Chairman, on behalf of the treasurer, reported that donations made during the convention were sufficient to cover its costs for the use of the hall.

The class sang 347 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Jim Herr offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretary—Dirk Yount

ELDER GERALD HAND MEMORIAL SINGING

Las Cruces, New Mexico

March 2-3, 2024

Saturday, March 2

The 12th session of the Elder Gerald Hand Memorial Singing was held at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in March. The class was called to order by Eric Morgan leading 59. Catherine Massey offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Catherine Massey 46; Jerry Schreiber 473; Peggy Morrison 448t; Erika Roush 84; Eric W Metzler 315; Elizabeth Poss 333; Abbie Sorg 455; Porter Lontz-Underhill 421; Dave McPherson 430; Anita Landess 266; Irene Gilb 171; Lori Hand Rodgers 379; Paul Landskroener 481; Mitchell Gustin 146; Janet Plattner 312b. Leslie Alperin 228.

RECESS

Eric Morgan brought the class to order leading 37b. Leaders: Holly Mutascio 440; Jeri Segal 372; Ellen Ray 272; Michael McKernan 49b; Carol Hand Gio 56b; J.P. Thom-Gizonachan 535; Julia Zaffarano 547; Jean Merritt 89; David Schmitt 436; Janet Hand Morgan 77t; Laurie Burk 47b; Donna Hand Sewell 63; Elizabeth Poss 272; Peggy Morrison 34b; Erika Roush 112; Eric Metzler 313b; Jerry Schreiber 538; Paul Landskroener 232; Abbie Sorg 551; Mitchell Gustin 122; Dave McPherson 282; Anita Landess 58. Catherine Massey offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Eric Morgan brought the class to order leading 75. Leaders: Lori Hand Rodgers 472; Irene Gilb 128; Janet Plattner 106; Leslie Alperin 320; Jamie Ross 102; Janet Hand Morgan 480; Jean Merritt 344; Porter Lontz-Underhill 383; William Gilman 117; Laurie Burk 501; Holly Mutascio 191; Alexa Gilman 183; Carol Hand Gio 68b; Michael McKernan 362; Ellen Ray 212; J.P. Thom-Gizonachan 189; Julia Zaffarano 142.

RECESS

Eric Morgan brought the class to order leading 72b. Leaders: Erika Roush 31b; David Schmitt 198; Jamie Ross 30b; William Gilman 89; Alexa Copeland 444; Elizabeth Poss 276; Eric Metzler 505; Jerry Schreiber 377; Abbie Sorg 497; Erika Roush 370; Michael Gustin 203; Jamie Ross 542; Paul Landskroener 270.

Announcements were made.

Eric Morgan led 323t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 3

The Sunday session of the Elder Gerald Hand Memorial Sacred Harp singing met again at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. The class was called to order by Eric Morgan leading 49t. Leaders: Eric Metzler 48t; Chris Nicholson 569b; Leslie Alperin 556; Jean Merritt 178; Irene Gilb 299; Laurie Burk 503; Carol Hand Gio 39t; Michael McKernan 472; Porter Lontz-Underhill 163t; Ellen Ray 378b; Peggy Morrison 81t; Anita Landess 489; Catherine Massey 159; Erika Roush 192; Dave McPherson 457; Julia Zaffarano 146; Mitchell Gustin 165.

RECESS

Eric Morgan brought the class to order leading 34t. Leaders: David Schmitt 491; Jamie Ross 74b; Holly Mutascio 532; Lori Hand Rodgers 162. J.P. Thom-Gizonachan 163b; Jerry Schreiber 550; Elizabeth Poss 42.

A memorial lesson was conducted by James Caufield. Eric Morgan read the following names of the sick and homebound: Judy Licht, Carla Smith, David and Karen Hand, Linda Small, Gaylon Powell, Jim Morgan, and G. Isaac. Eric Morgan led 475.

Lori Hand Rodgers read the following names of the deceased: Francis McPherson, Anita Sanders, Phillip Townsend Lontz, Samantha Bursum—New Mexico; John Van Duzer, Alfred Sausotte—Colorado; Cheryl Foreman—Texas; Gary Basoukas—Arizona; Dan Burk—California; Joyce Markle—North Carolina; Frank Wood—Minnesota; Charlotte Ehrman—New York, P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Jean-Claude Saintilus—Haiti; Rebecca Browne—Missouri; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Hubert Nall—Alabama.

Lori Hand Rodgers led 47b in their memory. Catherine Massey offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Janet Plattner 119; Jeri Segal 411; Judy Siaba 376; Paul Landskroener 218; Abbie Sorg 217; Donna Hand Sewell 171; Julia Zaffarano 211; Ellen Ray 345b; David Schmitt 87; Eric Metzler 311; Jerry Schreiber 352; Irene Gilb 500. Catherine Massey offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Eric Morgan brought the class to order leading 70b. Leaders: Leslie Alperin 474; Chris Nicholson ad Jean Merritt 473; Janet Hand Morgan 35; William Gilman 146; Laurie Burk 353; Michael McKernan 361; Carol Hand Gio 207; Porter Lontz-Underhill 454; Anita Landess 29t; Peggy Morrison 277; Erika Roush 107; Dave McPherson 345t; Mitchell Gustin 40; Holly Mutascio 419.

RECESS

Eric Morgan brought the class to order leading 300. Leaders: J.P. Thom-Gizonachan 324; Elizabeth Poss 148; William Gilman 421; Janet Plattner 209; Erika Roush 515; Paul Landskroener 70t; Jean Merritt 358; Abbie Sorg 131t; Janet Hand Morgan 76b; Chris Nicholson 212. Announcements were made. Thanks was expressed to David Hand for his experience and assistance, James Caufield for the memorial, Catherine Massey as Chaplain, and Cathy Cox for registration.

Eric Morgan led 62 as the closing song. Catherine Massey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eric Morgan; Vice Chairman—Janet Hand Morgan; Secretaries—Donna Hand Sewell and Lori Hand Rodgers

ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING **Ephesus School, Roopville, Georgia** **Sunday, March 3, 2024**

The Rogers Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Ephesus Elementary School on the first Sunday in March. Denney Rogers called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading 47t. The opening prayer was led by Cecil Roberts. Scott Ivey led 134. Karen Rollins led 46. A business session was held, and the same officers were

reelected. Judy Chambless was chosen as Arranger. Mayor Denney Rogers welcomed the singers to Ephesus.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 37t; Lee Denney 45t; Winfred Kerr 36b; Kacey Cook 84; Abigail Cannon 31b; Bill DuPre 512; Donna Bell 40; Erica Hinton 105; Robert Chambless 225t; Judy Mincey 311; Buell Cobb 71; Sherry Lovvorn 454; Donna Wootten 56t; David Smead 103; Bridge Kennedy 82t; Cassie Allen 53; Jack Nelson 518.

RECESS

Scott Ivey called the class back together by leading 136. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 556; Elene Stovall 99; Glenda Collins 76b.

The memorial lesson was then held. Karen Rollins talked about how singing and music binds our group together and that we would likely not have known each other without our shape-note music. She quoted Willie Nelson. Then, with the assistance of her siblings (Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, and Denney Rogers), she led 119 for the lesson. The list of names of the sick and shut-ins were as follows: Judy Henry, Beverly Rollins Thompson, Karleen Williams, Lucy Garner, Nora Parker, Margaret Thacker, Ed Thacker, Earl Ballinger, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Barry Rollins, Henry Guthery, Lucy Hiedorn, Nate Green, Liz Patton, and Jacob Breedlove.

The list names of the deceased included the following: Newman Denney, Kay Denney Hubbard, Gwen Caldwell, Wilma and Gary Brandenburg, David Griffin, Jimmy Pollard, Peggy McCormick, Will Hardin, George Burnette, Cathy White, and Ted Huddleston—Georgia; Richard Mauldin, Marlon Wootten, Jerry Kitchens, Norma Green, Pearl Guier, Tommy Spurlock, Elder Sydney Louis Culver, Bill Tyson, Clyde Avery, Hubert Nall, and Boyd Scott—Alabama; P. Dan Brittain, Lloyd Caldwell, and Mary Ellen Wilkinson—Arkansas; Cheryl Foreman—Texas; Scott Swanton and David Wilson—North Carolina; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; Melanie Hauff—Illinois; Eva Striebeck—Germany.

Leaders: Wyatt Denney 39t; Kathy Williams 191; Sarah George 421; Rodney Ivey 298; Joe Lovvorn and Susan Rice 143; Karis Askin 300; Nathan Rees 348b; Shane Wootten 97; Judy Caudle 183; Cecil Roberts 491; Stanley Smith 104. Shane Wootten asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Denney Rogers leading 345t. Leaders: Tom George 172; Kathy Williams 472 (for Dan Akin and Lisa Akin Wilson, who were present); Lisa Bennett 534; Gene Duke and Donna Duke 217; Anna Hinton 182; Nicholas Thompson 269 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard and B.M. Smith); Rogers grandchildren (Beverly Thompson, Randa Harris, Kayla McWhorter, Laura Robinson, and Joe Lovvorn) 268; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Bert Collins 542; Matt Hinton 389; John Plunkett 224; Shane Brown 440; Barbara Brooks 274b; Stanley Smith and Judy Caudle 430 (in memory of Tommie Spurlock); Abigail Cannon 500; Judy Mincey 468; Elene Stovall 30b; Sarah George 447; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 270; Jack Nelson 399b; Lisa Bennett, David Smead, and Kathy Williams 273 (in memory of Louise Holland); Cassie Allen and Nathan Rees 475; Bridge Kennedy and Blake Sisemore 411; Shane Brown and Cheyenne Ivey 313t; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, and Anna Hinton 112; Nicholas Thompson and Elene Stovall 316. Announcements were made. Denney Rogers and Karen Rollins led 373, and Judy Chambless closed the singing in prayer.

Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Scott Ivey; Secretary—Karen Rollins

APPALACHIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION SINGING
Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina
Friday, March 8, 2024

This special singing was held in conjunction with the 47th annual conference of the Appalachian Studies Association. About thirty-five singers participated, most of whom were new to the tradition. At 4:00 p.m., Jonathon Smith gave a brief account of the history and introduced the shapes. The class was then called to order by Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 82t. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Arrangements for leading order were made by Abigail Cannon.

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 36b; Jonathon Smith 47t, 146; Lily Hammond 159, 178; Jane Cannon 31t, 32t; Emma Parrish 49b, 59; Will Peebles 47b; Chris Wilhelm 38t, 344; Mary Baumeister 28t, 51; Abigail Cannon and Hilary Beaupre 42, 277.

RECESS

Esther Morgan-Ellis called the class back to order leading 179. Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 89; Jonathon Smith 192, 129; Lily Hammond 46, 117; Jane Cannon 128, 312b; Emma Parrish 163b, 148; Mary Baumeister and Thomas Hilton 162, 66; Abigail Cannon and Kelly West 448b, 30t; Jane Cannon 548; Chris Wilhelm 500; Mary Baumeister 501; Esther Morgan-Ellis and Amber Robinson 270. Esther Morgan-Ellis led 347 as the closing song. Abigail Cannon offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Esther Morgan-Ellis; Secretary—Jonathon Smith

NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP SINGING
Pullen Memorial, Raleigh, North Carolina
Saturday, March 9, 2024

The North Carolina All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in March. Kaleb Delk called the class to order leading 85.

The officers for the day were Chairman—Lynda Hamburger and Celia Lechtman; Treasurer—Andrea Angott; Secretary—Derek Lane; Arranging—Kathy Kaiser and Mary Johnston; Chaplain—Sally Owens.

Leaders: Lynda Hamburger 163b; Celia Lechtman 76b; John Feddersen 155; Pat Ward 457; Corinne Serfass 270; Colton Barber 178; Adrienne Robertson 207; Ellie Snyder 430; Erin Newton 573; Bridget Jamison 30b; Mary Johnston 344; Chris Wolf 448b; Pat Temple 59; Rachel Mann 299; Deborah Brogden 547.

RECESS

Jenna Harmen called the class back to order leading 142. Leaders: John Feddersen 228; Anthony Weston 66; Tricia Kupec 484; Kaleb Delk 266 (ShH); Colton Barber 553; Ellie Snyder 171; Lynda Hamburger 254 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 474; Corinne Serfass 362; Erin Newton 140b (ShH); Michael Archer 332; Eric Conrad 53 (ShH); Bridget Jamison 187 (ShH); Anne Gilliland 288; Pat Temple 33t; Chris Wolf 429 (ShH); Mary Johnston 397 (ShH).

LUNCH

Kaleb Delk called the class back to order leading 324. Leaders: Mickolas Tomaskoujc-Devey 82t; Bill Lowry 408b (ShH); Tom Dillon 569b; Ellie Snyder 15 (ShH); Colton Barber 479; Deborah Brogden 125; Irene Lawrence 424b (ShH); Kathy Kaiser 383; Adrienne Robertson 241t (ShH); John Feddersen 5t (ShH); Corinne Serfass 120t (ShH); Tricia Kupec 285 (ShH); Bridget Jamison 403 (ShH); Pat Temple 312t.

Erin Newton conducted the lesson to remember the following sick and shut-in: Suzanne Newton of North Carolina.

Erin Newton conducted the lesson to remember the following deceased: Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Becky Brown—Missouri; Dr. Sue Osborne and Samson Stabler—Virginia; John Van Duzer and Alfred Sausotte—Colorado; David Wilson,

Dorothy Oakley, Bo McIntosh, Richmond Johnson, and Casey Johnson—North Carolina; Tony Rainaldi, Alice Rainaldi, and Francesco Costantino—Michigan; Doug Heidt—West Virginia. Erin Newton led 532. Sally Owens offered prayer.
RECESS

Celia Lechtman called the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: Chris Wolf 364b (ShH); Rachel Mann 276; Michael Archer 456; Mary Johnston 358 (ShH); Anne Gilliland 48 (ShH); Eric Conrad 39t; Jordan Albright 335; Bill Lowry 122; Lynda Hamburger 158b (ShH); Celia Lechtman 59. The class was dismissed.
Chairpersons—Lynda Hamburger and Celia Lechtman; Secretary—Derek Lane

OLYMPIA SACRED HARP SINGING **Prosperity Grange, Olympia, Washington** **Saturday, March 9, 2024**

The annual Olympia All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at The Prosperity Grange in Olympia, Washington, on Saturday before the second Sunday in March. Songs were called from the *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The class was called to order by Jenna Tompkins leading 46. Rosie Sokolov offered the opening prayer. This singing utilized the double song lesson in memory of the late singer, Solomon Ossa. Arrangements for leading order were made by Ian Suchon and Chris Noren.

Leaders: Chris Noren 287, 67; Marla Elliott 523, 143; Erik Schwab 106, 61; Anne Huckins 350, 276; Ian Suchon 34b, 101t; Thom Fahrbach 82b, 184; Paul Large-Chamberlain 30t, 72b; Rosie Sokolov 43, 39t; Karen Willard 568, 351 (in honor of Pat Coughlan and in memory of Steve Helwig); Doug Hill 410b, 36t.

RECESS

The second session was brought to order by John Berendzen leading 159. Leaders: Kristofer Ilex 324, 73t; Susan Helf 163b, 86; Kate Fine 254; Jenna Tompkins 300, 378b; Mischa Skeeter 372, 178; Paul Large-Chamberlain 430, 428; John Berendzen 411, 506; Chris Noren 273, 236; Anne Huckins 114, 66; Marla Elliott 503, 347; Erik Schwab 103, 146; Rosie Sokolov 47t, 142; Karen Willard 117, 495; Doug Hill 48t; Thom Fahrbach 74b, 83t. Rosie Sokolov asked a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Paul Large Chamberlain leading 49t. Leaders: Kate Fine 163t, 532; Nicole Scott 76b, 80t; Kristofer Ilex 328, 345b; Mischa Skeeter 448b, 535; Ian Suchon 58, 434; John Berendzen 100, 482; Susan Helf 284, 38t; Leland Ross and Erik Schwab 232, 35; Nicole Scott 442, 128; Jenna Tompkins 455, 454; Rosie Sokolov 60.

RECESS

The day's final session was brought to order by Kristofer Ilex leading 42. Leaders: Karen Willard 294; Chris Noren 472; Marla Elliott 475; Kate Fine 32t; Thom Fahrbach 422; Anne Huckins 112; Erik Schwab 373; Doug Hill 326; Ian Suchon 196; Mischa Skeeter 448t; Susan Helf 313b; Leland Ross and Chris Noren 127; Nicole Scott 129; John Berendzen 34t; Kristofer Ilex 376; Paul Large-Chamberlain 192; Rosie Sokolov 499; Kate Fine 489; Anne Huckins 549.

A business meeting was held. Marla Elliott, the resolutions officer, thanked officers and committee members for their service, thanked the cooks for bringing a bounty of food, thanked the members of the class who had keyed throughout the day, thanked Ian Suchon and Chris Noren for arranging, and resolved to meet again next year. Marla Elliott, the treasury officer, gave the treasury report stating that expenses had been met. Deb Koch gave the secretary's report stating that eighteen leaders led ninety-three songs. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Jenna Tompkins led 267 as the closing song. Rosie Sokolov delivered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Jenna Tompkins; Secretary—Deb Koch

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION

Webster Groves, Missouri

March 9-10, 2024

Saturday, March 9

The 39th annual Missouri State Convention was held in Webster Groves, Missouri on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March. Roberta Strauss and Dave Ressler called the class to order leading 29t. John Huffman offered the opening prayer. Roberta Strauss and Dave Ressler welcomed all singers and attendees, gave general announcements, and led 171.

Leaders: Shirley Figura 213t; Dave Kaeser 547; Karen Isbell 68 (MH); Alice Bean 147b; Jenny Preston 159; Dan Dohman, Katie Huffman, and Ruth Huffman 569b; Hollie Powell 564; Bernardine Somers 49b; Shaun Preston 457; Emma and McKenna Mullis 353; Jenny Whitman 535; Matt Wells 138 (MH); Eleanor Haase 472; Tommy Schultz 177 (MH); Paul Wyatt 338.

RECESS

Dave Ressler called the class back together leading 42. Leaders: Prisca Rice 283; Elam Eddins 385t; Tim Reynolds 313b; Grace Preston 209; Shannon Tibbs 142; Paul Landskroener 127 (MH); Bob Borchering 126 (MH); Adrian Eldridge 434; Marcus Whitman 151 (MH); Gail Doss 203; Judy Mincey 89 (MH); Dan Dohman and John Huffman 318; Samuel Williams 474.

RECESS

Steven Schmidgall called the class back to order by leading 496. Leaders: Lisa Bulawsky 135 (MH); JoDell Albi 84 (MH); Cory Winters 13 (MH); Alison Langston 300; Emily Eddins 495; Cecelia Kramer 47b; Cindy Burlison 551; Patti Doss, Dave Ressler, JoDell Albi, and Karen Isbell 159 (MH) (in memory of Becky Browne); Abigail Schultz 180 (MH); John Huffman 198; David Lloyd 299. Gary Huffman dismissed the class for dinner with prayer.

LUNCH

John Huffman called the class back together by leading 350. Leaders: Paul Figura 51 (MH); James Eldridge 456; Clara Herr 106; Reid Preston 268; Marian Mitchell 288; Ginny Landgraf and Tammy Heinsohn 410t; Anne Missavage 236; Lori Graber 2 (MH); Roberta Strauss 269; Jim Herr 546; Aubrey Hemminger 480.

RECESS

Emmaleigh Calhoun called the class back to order leading 319. Leaders: Mike Mullin 86; David Carlton 421; Tommy Schultz 163t; Carolyn Gilkey 503; Carla Bermudez and family 40; Tammy Heinsohn 178; Lisa Grayson 192; Chris Nicholson 212; Tim Reynolds 92 (MH); Cindy Burleson 53; Patti Doss 200; Carla Bermudez 117; Marcus Whitman 168 (MH); James Eldridge 176b; John Uhleman 455. Roberta Strauss and Dave Ressler led 146, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 10

The Sunday session of the Missouri State Convention began with Roberta Strauss leading 48t. She then offered the morning prayer. Roberta Strauss and Dave Ressler led 32t. Leaders: Prisca Rice 59; Elam Eddins 89; David Kaeser 56b; Karen Isbell 362; Emmaleigh Calhoun 34b; Chris Nicholson 348b; Holly Powell 481; Judy Mincey 75 (MH); Matt Wells 500; Gail Doss 217; Paul Landskroener 486; Clara Herr 105; Alice Bean 369; Adrian Eldridge 145 (MH); McKenna Mullis 180 (MH); Paul Wyatt 172 (MH).

Aubrey Hemminger and Dave Kaeser conducted the memorial lesson, with special focus on Becky Browne. Aubrey read aloud the following list of the sick and shut-ins: Lou Kujawinski, Liz Patton, Don Bowen, Steve Duff, Sue Duff, Michelle Duncan, Ed Walton, Elsie Hollingsworth, John Hollingsworth, Bill Hollingsworth, Curtis Cook, Marybeth Neal, Janet Fraembs, Terry Hogg, Peggy Brayfield, Ginny Ely,

Doug Donley, Gary Gronau, Mary Owen, Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Judy Hauff, Ralph Zimmer, and Gaylon Powell. He led 474.

Dave Kaeser read aloud the following list of names of the deceased: George Burnette, Mary Ellen 'Grandma' Wilkinson, Dan Brittain, Connie Crabtree, Hubert Nall, Frank Fraembs, Frank Wood, Alfred Sausotte, John Van Dozer, Dorothy Landskroener, Charlotte Ehrman, Eva Striebeck, Billie Matlock, Philip Denney, Scott Swanton, Melanie Hauff, Pastor Sam Butler, Lloyd Caldwell, Tommy Spurlock, Becky Browne, Norma Green, Cheryl Foreman, Claudine Wootten Townson, Jerry Kitchens, Geraldine Sharpton, Gaston White, Ester Mann, Richard Mauldin, Marlin Wootten, and Levi Dunn. He led 163b in their memory. The lesson continued with a special session of songs led in memory of Becky. Leaders: Roberta Strauss 203; Shirley Figura 276; Prisca Rice 36b; Emmaleigh Calhoun 299; Patti Doss 411; Prisca Rice, Dave Ressler, Paul Figura, Lisa Bulawsky, and Karen Isbell 304; Prisca Rice and Allison Langston 384.

RECESS

Jim Herr brought the class back to order leading 76b. Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 175 (MH); Steven Schmidgall 333; Cecelia Kramer 71; JoDell Albi 306. Roberta Strauss led the Table Hymn (MH) to dismiss the class for dinner.

LUNCH

Roberta Strauss began the afternoon session leading 228. Leaders: Eleanor Haase 352; David Carlton 538; Beth Janes 62 (MH); Allison Langston 542; Cory Winters 254; Anne Missavage 344; Carolyn Gilkey 504; Lori Graber 4 (MH); Samuel Williams 332; Bob Borcharding 210; Shirley Figura 162; Marian Mitchell 185; John Uhleman 209; Lisa Grayson 127 (MH); David Lloyd 67; Emily Eddins 115; Tammy Heinsohn 547; Mike Mullin 270; Jenny Whitman and Jeanna Whitman 138 (MH); Adrian Eldridge and Bard Lund 208 (in memory of Darrell Swarens); Roberta Strauss and the ladies of the Monday Club 87 (for Shirley Figura, Dave Ressler, and Anne Drexler, our local singers experiencing chronic illness but also happy recoveries). Announcements were made. The class sang 62, and was dismissed. Chairman—Dave Ressler; Vice Chairman—Roberta Strauss; Secretary—Prisca Rice

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Bombyx Center For Arts & Equity, Florence, Massachusetts

March 9-10, 2024

Saturday, March 9

The 24th annual Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March at the Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity in Florence, Massachusetts. The class was called to order by Matthew Leger-Small leading 29t. Micah John Walter offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Anna Bowen 49t; Will Harron 31t; Joel Rosen 315; Angela Ruggiero-Corliss 37b; Liam Rock 186; Kate Bergren 171; Carole Crompton 352; Christopher Kain 467; Crispin Youngberg 47b; Duncan Vinson 276; Davenport Herrick-Wallace 457; Micah John Walter 424; Michaela Natal 373; Jeremy Galvagni 163t.

RECESS

Holly Laws and Josephine Laws called the class back to order by leading 131b.

Leaders: Rebecca Hawkins 76b; Christopher Hodges 492; Joan Nagy 504; Michael Ipsen 112; Erin Fulton 431; Robert Stoddard 430; George Sigut 38t; Bill Holt and Samantha Adioetomo 340; Doe Lowinger 146; Isabel Linhares 551; Peter Irvine and Jenny Lapp 384; Nicholas DeVries 387; Tarik Wareh 61; Maura Burns 378b; Dan Harper 300; Colleen Hays 479; Elizabeth Stoddard 422; Anya Skibbie and Aiofe Skibbie 573.

RECESS

Christine Andrews led 81t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Margaret Youngberg 77t; Jean Seiler 460; Myles Louis Dakan 196; Elsa Phemayotin 376; Simon Thomas and Tim Erickson 34t; Jeremy Galvagni 175; Molly B. Ellis 383; Nadia Bolz-Weber 142; Alexa Gilmore 82t; Andy Ditzler 103; Molly-Claire Gillett 106; Judy Contompasis 114; David Smead 110; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 564; Kerry Cullinan 227. A blessing for the meal was offered by Micah John Walter.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Becky Wright leading 399b. Leaders: Mike Richards 203; Sam Kleinman 475; Corinne Ducey 498; Bridge Hill Kennedy 546; Erika Wilson 480; Phillip Langley 302; Jennifer Jones 527; Caro Stamm-Reusch 270; Sunny Doyle 38b; Lisa Bennett 428; Quasar Phoenix 312b; David Wright 455; Marie Brandis 172; Shawn Taylor 217; Philippe Doyle-Goslin 189; Emma Rose Brown 454; David Brodeur 447; Kelly House 448t; Philou and friends from the Eastern Townships 47t; Gwen Gethner 441; Allison Steel 345b.

RECESS

Joseph Dunn and Lizzy Dunn called the class back to order by leading 85. Leaders: Lynnette Combs 236; Laura Hodges 99; Lari Jaibert 320; Korey Guerrieri 318; Barbara Swetman 313b; Sage Chase-Dempsey 547; Patrick DeDauw 477; Robin Luckwaldt 122; Rachel Hall 388; Anabel G. Chabot 385b; Pete Sandeen 178; Eléa Regemal 168; Kobi Bordoley 95; Guy Bankes 269; Indigo Micciche 440; Alec Collins 268; Quinn Ross 324. Micah John Walter dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 10

The Sunday session of the Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention met again at the Bombyx Center for Arts & Equity in Florence, Massachusetts. The class was called to order by Matthew Leger-Small leading 30t. Nadia Bolz-Weber offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Anna Bowen 56b; Will Harron 32t; Margaret Youngberg 230; Corinne Ducey 421; Gwen Gethner 84; Pete Sandeen 163b; Elsa Phemayotin 229; Kate Bergren 101t; Jacob Hamidi 348b; Marie Brandis 134; Rebecca Hawkins 45t; Doe Lowinger 445; Holly Lewis 460; Robert Stoddard 297; Philou 50b; David DiLorenzo 448t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Angela Ruggiero-Corliss leading 148. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 481; Maura Burns 317; James Wikstrom 117; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 411; Elizabeth Stoddard 283; Charles Biada 138t; Lari Jaibert 349; Patrick DeDauw 100; Kate Richardson 271t; Jennifer Jones 212; Kerry Cullinan 54; Laura Borrelli 33b; Sam Kleinman 208; Erika Wilson 73b; Sam Dembling 448b; Anabel G. Chabot 335; Joseph Dunn 542; William Schuller 313t.

RECESS

Davenport Herrick-Wallace called the class together leading 162. Leaders: Lilly Israel 112; Emma Rose Brown 373; Robin Luckwaldt 87; Shawn Taylor 336; Kori Guerrieri 290; Alec Collins 569b.

A memorial lesson was conducted by Jennie Brown, dwelling on the impact of silence in a tradition of shared song, and the growing impact of the memorial list the longer we are involved in this tradition, grief filling those silences and also surrounding us with criss-crossed chords of love and loss. Jennie read the following list of names of the deceased: Chloë Metcalf—Japan; Simon Rackzelle, Michael Greene, Ron Woodland, Mike Werner, Kim Thabault—Massachusetts; Karin Wilson, Norman Wilson, Genevieve Goff—Pennsylvania; Betty Een—Minnesota; Graham Dezarn, William Donohew—Virginia; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Gratien Chabot—Quebec; Charlie Seluzicki—Oregon; Cheryl Foreman—Texas; Claudene Townsen, Gaston White, Tommie Spurlock, Richard Mauldin—Alabama; Joan Sheldon, John Holt, William Wylie, Bradley Randle—Maine; Melanie Hauff—Illinois; Eva Streibeck—

Germany; Charlotte Ehrman, Mary French, Cecilia Gentili, Paul McElligot, Lew Rose, Mego Saienni, Stacy Miller—New York; Joyce Howe—New Jersey; Helen Anderson—Washington; Suellen Leonard—North Carolina; Elric Elias—Colorado; Jonas Fricke, Wendy Coughlan—Vermont; Nex Benedict—Oklahoma. Jennie led 472.

Peter Irvine gave the lesson remembering the sick and homebound in place of Dr. John Holbrook, and shared his words of remembrance and reflection on the need for good news in these days. Peter read the following names: Johnathan Little, Ron Trial, Greta Holbrook, John Holbrook, Cindy Bean, Mary Alice Amidon, Trac Walsh, Kevin Bierne, Hanna Parrot, Nate Leonard, Karen Perkins, Don Youngberg, Don Butner, Usschi Nolte, Marion Howe, Liz Patton, Corrone Bryant, Ruth-Ann Bryant, Joanne Fuller, Larry Bingham, Andrew Daube, Linda Shea, Magdalena Zapędowska, Eliasz Eriksen, Rick Johnson, Cate Skidmore, Jane McAlevey, Pat Callahan, Rachel Mausner, Susanna Hoffman, Dan Phemayotin, Judy Henry, Rosie Setford Wojak, Sara Lennox, Mark Merritt, Jacob, Evan. Peter led 34c. Tim Eriksen offered a prayer following the lessons.

Leaders: Bridge Hill Kennedy 129; Christine Andrews and Yael Tarshish led 76b (in memory of seventy-nine family members killed in Gaza, including twenty-nine children); Wendy Sibbison 220; Pippa Stoddard 214. Tim Eriksen prayed a blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Micah John Walter leading 441. Leaders: Kit Walsh 512; Molly B. Ellis 280; Susan Loucks and Samantha Adioetomo 99; Laura Hodges 528; Indigo Micciche 480; Keilor Mose 434; Andy Ditzler and Nadia Bolz-Weber 426b; Quinn Ross 506; Ian McGwlam 215; Esther Wade, Philippe Doyle-Gosselin, and Maeve Wade-Gosselin 532; Kobi Bordoley 351; Rachel Hall 377; Tim Erickson 236; Mirium Delirium 385t; Guy Bankes and Anna Bowen 311; Owen Stoddard 456; Mel Novner 500; Andal Sundaramurthy 127; Mary Skidmore 567; Becky Wright 419; Lizzie Dun 384; Caro Stamm-Reusch 505; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 193.

RECESS

The last session of the day was called to order by Ben Sachs-Hamilton leading 72b. Leaders: John Holbrook 276; Phillip Langley 396; Michael Nord 70b; Chris Bracken and Julian Nowogrodzki 111b; David Wright 69b; Isabel Linhares 83t; Molly-Claire Gillett and Laura Clampitt 348t; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 404; Liam Rock 159; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 524; Cecilia Neville and Anabel G. Chabot 288; Gerald Clark and Miriam Delirium 268.

A business meeting was called to order. The treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The secretary reported that two hundred fifty-five singers from nineteen states and provinces and three countries were registered. One hundred thirty-four leaders directed one hundred seventy-seven songs. The resolutions committee thanked the Bombyx Center for Arts and Equity for their hospitality, thanked all who made the space work for our convention, thanked all who contributed to the convention and noted the dedication and work of the chairman. The class resolved, God willing, to meet again in 2025 in Florence, Massachusetts, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March. The business meeting was closed, and announcements were made. Matthew Leger-Small, Anna Bowen, Jeremy Galvagni, and Will Harron led 62 as the closing song. Tim Eriksen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairman—Matthew Leger-Small; Vice Chairperson—Anna Bowen; Treasurer—Jeremy Galvagni; Secretary—Will Harron

OXFORD SINGING
Oxford, Mississippi
Sunday, March 10, 2024

The annual Oxford Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Lafayette County Arena on the second Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Warren Steel leading 48t and 74b. Garrett Herndon offered the morning prayer. Mark Davis led 114 and 209. Lisa Geist was appointed secretary. Drew McGuire was appointed as arranging committee. Leaders: Mark Davis 103, 42; Anne Steel 318, 73t; Mark Tew 108t, 313t; Garrett Herndon 270, 36b; Lisa Geist 527, 269; Larry Ballinger 97 (for Earl Ballinger), 56t; Drew McGuire 421, 30b; Will McGuire 181, 121; Susan Dickey 81t, 59; Charlie McGuire 398, 292; Curtis Gregory 323b, 341.

RECESS

Drew McGuire brought the class to order leading 373. Leaders: Henry McGuire 498, 56b; Will Gatewood 450, 460; Chuck Howell 440, 569b; Kim Funderburk 47b, 72b; Valerie Gatewood 49b, 143; Suzy Bishop 312t, 354b; Warren Steel 229, 228; Mark Davis 472, 283; Anne Steel 512, 348b.

LUNCH

Warren Steel called the afternoon session to order leading 396. A brief memorial lesson was held, commemorating those deceased since March 2023, including Ester Mann, Bobby Neyman, Dan Brittain, Cora Sweatt, Marlon Wootten and Joan Ward. The following sick and shut-ins were also remembered Liz Van Horn and Earl Ballinger. Mark Davis led 65.

Leaders: Mark Tew 203, 406; Garrett Herndon 120, 481; Lisa Geist 276, 528; Larry Ballinger 448t, 448b; Drew McGuire 134, 475; Susan Dickey 49t, 128; Connor Foley 127, 61; Curtis Gregory 40, 119; Henry McGuire 536, 60; Will Gatewood 361, 362; Chuck Howell 84, 63; Kim Funderburk 135, 312b; Valerie Gatewood 198, 159.

Following announcements, the officers led 288 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed with prayer by Mark Davis.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Lisa Geist

HOBOKEN SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Hoboken, Georgia

Saturday, March 16, 2024

The 27th annual session of the Hoboken All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Riley Lee. Riley offered opening remarks by welcoming those visiting and then led the class in singing the major scale. Riley led 64 as the opening song. Stanley Cade offered opening prayer.

Leaders: David Lee 68t; Clarke Lee 535t; Devin Scherck 395b; Jacob Kiakahi 444t; Lily Hammond 330t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 176b; Gene Pinion 180; AnnaLeigh Kiakahi 567; Alissa Eiesland 54t; Jessica Bellaire 46; Stanley Smith 104; Eddie Mash 96.

RECESS

Riley Lee brought the class back together leading 411. Leaders: Karen Clark 573; Denise Kania 140; Jim Pfau 210; Sophy Sokolov 137; Daniel Williams 292b; Matt Bell 41; Timothy Altman 58; Rosie Sokolov 207t; Jose Camacho 430; Steven Taylor 45b; Sharon Kermiet 336t; Kevin Juarez 516; Ellen Fournier 59.

RECESS

Mary Elizabeth O'Neal brought the class back together leading 39. Leaders: Tony Batten and Lynn Batten 63, 571; Jason Deal 72.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Riley Lee spoke of the singers who have passed away in the last year, his memories of them and the songs they loved. Riley led 235 for those loved ones who have passed away. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Elder Jason Deal.

Leaders: Shane O'Neal and Kellen O'Neal 504; Kathy Lee 48t; Julie Lee 558; Marja Millard 282; John Ingalls 45t; Kellen O'Neal and Kinsley O'Neal 572; William Clark 128; Raymond Hickox 129; Terry Herrin 328. The lunch blessing was offered by Elder Terry Herrin.

LUNCH

Clark Lee brought the class back together leading 28t. Devin Scherck 505; Jacob Kiakahi 587; AnnaLeigh Kiahahi 522; Alissa Eiesland 87; Jessica Bellaire 380t; Stanley Smith 121; Eddie Mash 497; Karen Clark and David Lee 273; Denise Kania 98; Jim Pfau 99; Sophy Sokolov 434; Matt Bell 319; Rosie Sokolov 38t; Sharon Kermiet 344; Daniel Williams 133; Marja Millard 30t; Ellen Fournier 511t; Jose Camacho 288; Steven Taylor 306; Kevin Juarez 514; Stanley Cade 492; Mary Elizabeth O'Neal 393 (by request); Shane O'Neal 283 (for Phillip Reeves).

Following announcements, Riley Lee led 348t as the closing song. Jonathan Altman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Riley Lee; Secretary—Jessica Altman

PRAGUE SINGING

Kostel U Jákovova žebříku, Prague, Czech Republic

Saturday, March 16, 2024

The 1st annual, second ever, Prague All-Day Singing began with Ulla Schlobohm leading 171. Leaders: Rachel Speer 81t; Petra Ertl 47t; Ellen Kennedy 29t; Lizzy Van Blerkom 545; Gosia Perycz 37b; Molly McCracken 504; Laura Eisen 70t; Elisabeth Schallwig 370; Cäcilia Mann 551; Inga Buckland 106; Naomi Kaye Honova 210; Mella Tönnies 505; Werner Ullah 503; Ursula Diderich 523; Derek Buckland 323b; Gerben Vos 339.

RECESS

Paul Kolenbrander brought the class back together leading 203. Leaders: Kerry Cullinan 524; Edward Ricemeyer 70b; Joel Igli 334; Petra Ertl 110; Lizzy Van Blerkom 266; Molly McCracken 288; Ulla Schlobohm 47b; Ellen Kennedy 328; Laura Eisen 472.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cäcilia Mann leading 274t. Leaders: Elisabeth Schallwig 65 (for Melanie Donhauser); Inga Buckland 300; Naomi Kaye Honova 569b; Mella Tönnies 142; Rachel Speer 298; Werner Ullah 278t; Ursula Diderich 547; Derek Buckland 480; Paul Kolenbrander 440; Kerry Cullinan 441; Gerben Vos 117; Edward Ricemeyer 479; Joel Igli 160b; Petra Ertl 377; Laura Eisen 272; Molly McCracken 276; Gosia Perycz 309 (for Father Błazej); Ellen Kennedy 270; Lizzy Van Blerkom 311.

RECESS

Inga Buckland brought the class back together by leading 148. Leaders: Ulla Schlobohm 77b; Elisabeth Schallwig 112; Inga Buckland 404; Naomi Kaye Honova 277; Mella Tönnies 455; Gerben Vos 351; Werner Ullah 313b; Ursula Diderich 107; Derek Buckland 111t; Joel Igli 344; Edward Ricemeyer 284; Kerry Cullinan 164; Paul Kolenbrander 448t; Lizzy Van Blerkom 50t; Petra Ertl 38b; Rachel Speer 228; Ellen Kennedy 410t; Gosia Perycz 168; Laura Eisen 425; Elisabeth Schallwig 442; Inga Buckland 71; Naomi Kaye Honova 236; Gerben Vos 354t; Werner Ullah 49t.

RECESS

Ursula Diderich called the class to order leading 566. Leaders: Edward Ricemeyer 496; Derek Buckland 348b; Joel Igli 49b; Paul Kolenbrander 191. Naomi Kaye Honova led 347 as the closing song.

Chairperson—Naomi Kaye Honova; Secretary—Ellen Kennedy

**SOUTH CAROLINA SINGING
IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER
Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Saturday, March 16, 2024**

The 28th session of the South Carolina Singing in memory of William Walker was held at the Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in March. Frances Carnell welcomed the singers and led 58b (CH). Leon Carnell gave the opening prayer.

The first session of singing was from the *Christian Harmony* (2010). Leaders: Frances Carnell 58t (CH); Dave Farmer 432b (CH); Jeremiah Ledbetter 256t (CH); Jonathan Wood 386 (CH); Mary Baumeister 114 (CH); Bill Burns 339 (CH); Tom Ivey 546b (CH) (in memory of his mother); Emma Parrish 158 (CH); Jane Cannon 267 (CH); Dan Huger 419t (CH); James Solheim “Tree Owl” from a handout; David Smead 316 (CH); Lisa Bennett 54 (CH); Judy Mincey 547 (CH); Andy Morse 548 (CH); Mike Spencer 163b (CH).

In a business meeting, it was agreed to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Treasurer—Bobbi Albert; Secretary—Mary Baumeister. Today’s funds will go to the Minutes Committee, to Second Presbyterian Church for hosting, and to the Spartanburg County History Museum which has an exhibit on William Walker.

RECESS

The second session of singing included tunes from *The Sacred Harp* (1991). Leaders: Frances Carnell 278b; Dave Farmer 128; Nancy Hogan 53; Bill Hogan and Lianne Smith 36b; Jeremiah Ledbetter 129; Mary Baumeister 333; Bill Burns 40; Tom Ivey 195; Emma Parrish 31t; Rob Dillon 52b; Jane Cannon 213t; Barbara Brooks 141; Chris Wilhelm 163t; Leanne Carter 82b; James Solheim “Jenny’s Birthday Song” from a handout; David Smead 45b; Lisa Bennett 528; Judy Mincey 474.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session of singing included songs from the *Christian Harmony* (2010). Leaders: Frances Carnell 22t (CH); Dave Farmer and Jon Henderson 541 (CH); Nancy Hogan 166 (CH); Bill Hogan 258 (CH); Jeremiah Ledbetter 205 (CH); Jonathan Wood 236t (CH); Mary Baumeister 429 (CH); Tom Ivey 372 (CH); Emma Parrish 160 (CH); Jane Cannon 57 (CH); Dan Huger 36t (CH); James Solheim 155 (CH); David Smead 64 (CH); Lisa Bennett 132 (CH); Judy Mincey 133 (CH); Andy Morse 492b (CH).

The second afternoon session included songs from *The Sacred Harp* (1991). Leaders: Frances Carnell 314; Andy Morse 280; Mike Spencer 278t; Dave Farmer 236; Nancy Hogan 274t; Bill Hogan 532; Jeremiah Ledbetter 493; Mary Baumeister 124; Tom Ivey 472; Emma Parrish 348t; Rob Dillon 183; Jane Cannon 564; Barbara Brooks 83t; Chris Wilhelm 460; Leanne Carter 345b; James Solheim “Tachyon” from a handout; David Smead 161; Lisa Bennett 103. Announcements were made.

Frances Carnell led 267 as the closing song. Leon Carnell offered the closing prayer. Chairperson—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

**STEPHENSON, WALL, AND HOCUTT MEMORIAL SINGING
Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Alabama
Saturday, March 16, 2024**

The Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 30t. Tom Booth offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Linda Booth.

Leaders: Danny Creel 30b; Brenda Chafin 101t, 123t, 142; Tom Booth 143, 145b, 147t; Roma Rice 31b, 63, 373; Butch White 354t, 313b, 86; Louise Yeager 61, 112, 313t; Tim Gregg 60, 272, 224 (CH); Linda Booth 67b (CH), 326 (CH), 322 (CH).
RECESS

The class was called back together by Brenda Chafin leading 31t (CH). Leaders: Judy Caudle 51 (CH), 54 (CH), 57 (CH); Ken Tate 264 (CH), 258 (CH), 93 (CH); Stefani Priscos 265 (CH), 493t (CH), 64 (CH); Cindy Tanner 43 (CH), 85 (CH), 180 (CH); Yancy Jett 281b (CH), 281t (CH), 338b (CH); Cassie Allen 307 (CH), 81b (CH), 250t (CH); Sarah Whites-Koditschek 472, 49b, 209. Danny Creel asked the blessing for the food.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom Booth leading 475. Leaders: Ann Jett 170 (CH), 149 (CH), 117 (CH); Beth Branscome 413b (CH), 91 (CH), 107 (CH); Nicholas Thompson 364 (CH), 419b (CH), 316 (CH); Butch White 280 (CH); Tim Gregg 162; Linda Booth 236; Judy Caudle 172 (CH); Ken Tate 133 (CH), 166 (CH); Stefani Priscos 546; Cindy Tanner 168b (CH); Cassie Allen 548 (CH), 546b (CH); Sarah Whites-Koditschek 452b (CH); Beth Branscome 470 (CH); Nicholas Thompson 110 (CH), 131 (CH); Ann Jett 59b (CH); Danny Creel 432b (CH), 186 (CH).

Brenda Chafin led 23b (CH) as the closing song. Tom Booth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Linda Booth

GODSEY SISTERS AND SANDRA SPRADLIN MEMORIAL SINGING

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Sunday, March 17, 2024

The Godsey Sisters and Sandra Spradlin Memorial Singing in honor of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, Mina Adams, and Sandra Spradlin was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama. The class was called to order by Mike Hankins leading 49t. Butch White offered the morning prayer. The class was organized and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Hankins; Vice-Chairman—Butch White; Arranging Committee—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Roma Rice.

Leaders: Mike Hankins 34b; Butch White 287, 313b; Roma Rice 323b, 566; Linda Booth 166, 350; Nancy Phillips 63, 388; Chris Ballinger 146, 512; Louise Yeager 276 (for Margaret Keeton), 426b; Teresa Westmoreland 200, 299.

RECESS

Butch White called the class back to order leading 86. Leaders: Tim Gregg 101t, 513; Zena Tucker 73t, 317; Loretta Whitman 454, 176b; Beth Wallace 177 (for Earl Ballinger), 442; Betty Baccus 391 (in memory of her sister and Sandra Spradlin), 430 (for Faye Donaldson); Junior Poston 275b, 129.

LUNCH

Mike Hankins began the afternoon session leading 56t. Leaders: Amber Davis 373 (for her mother), 422 (for Margaret Keeton); Faye Donaldson 78, 225t; Larry Ballinger 551, 97 (for Earl Ballinger); Julie Poston 145b, 343; Lisa Geist 528, 542; Nancy Phillips 196; Zena Tucker 30t.

Mike Hankins led 45t as the closing song and dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Mike Hankins; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Roma Rice

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN MUSIC SINGING
Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, Michigan
Thursday, March 21, 2024

The 27th annual singing affiliated with the Society for American Music conference, held this year in Detroit, Michigan, was called to order by Jesse P. Karlsberg leading 31t. Deane Root, a member of the Society, offered an opening prayer. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* except where otherwise indicated. Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 454; Erin Fulton 333 (in memory of Curtis Cook); Tom Riis 49b; Martha Beverly 504; Gabriel Zuckerberg 503 (in memory of Fred Zuckerberg); Rachel Hall 440; Charlie Taylor 448t; Bess Fitzgerald 61; Will Fitzgerald 111b; Marianne Kordas 159 (in memory of Michel Kordas and Jane Bowers); Deane Root 79 (in memory of Nancy Casey); Marian Mitchell 42; Mark Clague 39t; Cecilia Kramer 71; Peter Trumbore 300; Wendy Wahn 56b; Bob Borcharding 501 (in memory of Ted Mercer); Anne Missavage 362. Erin Fulton led “Judgment Hymn” from *The Hymnist* (1860), recently digitized as part of the project on which she and Jesse P. Karlsberg were presenting at the conference.

RECESS

Jesse P. Karlsberg called the class back to order by leading 85 in memory of Irving Wolfe, whose daughter Charlotte Wolfe was happily in attendance. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 485; Mark Clague 186; Cecilia Kramer 313b; Deane Root 112; Rachel Hall and Shania Watts 38b; Tom Riis 155 (in honor of Warren Steel and his role in early Ann Arbor singings); Marianne Kordas and Will Fitzgerald 188; Bob Borcharding 34t; Bess Fitzgerald 105; Peter Trumbore 84; Idy Kiser 448b; Will Fitzgerald 444; Anne Missavage 236; Charlie Taylor 192 (by request of Shania Watts); Martha Beverly and Elizabeth Uchimura 472; Wendy Wahn 547; Anne Missavage and Jennifer DeLapp-Birkett 269; Esther Morgan-Ellis 214 (in honor of Pat Coghlan); Erin Fulton 569b (in memory of Keith MacAdam). Jesse P. Karlsberg, Esther Morgan Ellis, and Erin Fulton led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Will Fitzgerald closed the meeting with prayer.

The Society for American Music Singing occurs in conjunction with the Society’s annual conference, the date and location of which vary each year. The 2025 singing will convene in Tacoma, Washington.

Chairman—Jesse Karlsberg; Vice Chairperson—Esther Morgan-Ellis; Secretary—Erin Fulton

SWARENS MEMORIAL HIGHER GROUND SINGING
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
Saturday, March 23, 2024

The 29th annual session of the Swarens Memorial Higher Ground Singing met at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Sarah Ward leading 59. Sarah Lynne Gershon offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Thomas Smith 40; Sarah Lynne Gershon 217; Shannon Tibbs 163b; Andrew Shaffer 122; Aaron Jones 87; William McNiece 515; Shannon Tibbs and Rob Tibbs 117; Beth Garfinkel 333; Carolyn Craig 479; Sarah Ward and St. Paul Singers 159; Keith Seidel 426t; Geo Colvard and Sarah Lynne Gershon 504; Samuel Sommers 534; Tim Morton 442; Samantha Foster 38t; Ray Rechenberg 285t; Anthony D’Agostino 282; Sarah Ward 142.

RECESS

Leaders: Thomas Smith 276; Jim Herr 475; Wendy Wahn 372; Adrian Eldridge 208; Ginny Landgraf 197; Tom Morton 503; Beth Todd 89; Jim Helke 390; Clara Herr 84; Tim Gregg 420t (ShH); Bertha Buttner 30t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by William McNiece and Sarah Lynne Gershon. William spoke of Darrell Swarens. William read the following list of names of sick and shut-ins: Pamela Smith, Joe Todd, Karen Frank, Ed Walton, Steve Duff, Sue Duff, Mike Hinton, Janet Fraembs, Gary Gronau, and Brenda Wales. Sarah Lynne Gershon offered a remembrance of Curtis Cook, a recently deceased singer and friend of many. She read the following list of names of the deceased: Curtis Cook, Dorothy Hall, and Mildred Eardene West—Indiana; Estella Leopold—Washington; Ken McKenzie—Connecticut; Prudy Duff and Connie Crabtree—Ohio; Melanie Hauff and Frank Fraembs—Illinois; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Becky Browne—Missouri; Capt. Adam Kendall Hilkert—South Carolina and Indiana. Prayer was offered by Sarah Lynne Gershon, and then she closed the memorial lesson by leading 86.

Jonathon Smith 30b; Janice Harrell 198; Sarah Ward 268; Shannon Tibbs 178; Aaron Jones 186; Thomas Smith 49t. Announcements were made. Andrew Shaffer offered prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Sarah Ward leading 171 (ShH). Leaders: Andrew Shaffer 242 (ShH); Rachael Bayler and Sarah Lynne Gershon 148; Matthias Murphy 35; Spencer Domer and Thomas Smith 38b; Tom Morton 496; Geo Colvard and Sarah Lynne Gershon 313b; Jim Hoerr 546; Carolyn Craig 287; Chris Giden 68b; Tim Morton 180 (ShH); Samuel Sommers 431 (ShH); Sarah Ward 403b (ShH); Keith Seidel 264b (ShH);

The generous support of the singing was recognized which was sufficient to meet all expenses. A portion of the donations will be given to help support the travel expenses of the St. Paul's choir pilgrimage to Ely Cathedral to sing later in the year. The Swarens Memorial Higher Ground Singing will be at St. Paul's for the next three years.

Leaders: Sarah Lynne Gershon 27 (ShH); Samantha Foster 146.

RECESS

Leaders: Thomas Smith 168; Clara Herr 157; Jim Helke 507; Tim Gregg 266 (ShH); BeBe Buttner 480; Jonathon Smith 131b; William McNiece 229; Ginny Landgraf 370 (ShH); Wendy Wahn 448t; John Morriberon 140b (ShH); Beth Todd 501; Janice Harrel 63; Adrian Eldridge 505; Thomas Smith 89t (ShH); Sarah Lynne Gershon 108 (ShH); Mathias Murphy 455; Thomas Smith, Pat Reeves, and Ben Easley 48b; Carolyn Craig 373. Announcements were made including that the 2025 Swarens Memorial Higher Ground Singing will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 22nd. Jessica Richardson Smith was recognized and thanked for her organization of the lunch.

Jim Herr offered the closing prayer. Sarah Ward led 62 as the closing song and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sarah Ward; Secretary—William McNiece

VIENNA SINGING

Vienna, Austria

Saturday, March 23, 2024

The 1st Vienna All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March. Barnaby Walters welcomed the class and led 175. Simone Singh Sondhi offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sebastian Slameczka 46; Dominik Fraune 171 (in memory of the Cork convention); Lizzy Van Blerkom 433; Laura Eisen 87; Greg Carson 276; Petra Ertl 84; Cooper Thompson 178; Caro Stamm-Reusch 101t; Derek Buckland 309; Werner Ullah 49t; Peter Kocher 272; Kerry Cullinan 70t; Inga Buckland 270; Walburga Ruhl 343; Marcos Sullivan 480.

RECESS

Gerben Vos led 31t to bring the class together. Leaders: Judith Benkö 504; Maria Neumann-Fraune 38t; Joel Igli 236; Katie Ahern 335; Mahna Nowak 122; Elisabeth Schallwig 299; Aislinn Ahern 383; Kate Kirwan 328; Sinead Hanrahan 142; Joanna Bennett 411; Mike Morrisroe 447; Anne Eringa 180; Marvin Wortman 332; Steph Malpass 442; Sara Sandberg 472 (in memory of P. Dan Brittain); Joyce L. 323b; Ewa Lichnerowicz 440; Saara Pakarinen 232; Manu Engel 481; Marcos Sullivan 201; Walburga Ruhl 39b; Dominik Fraune 214. Sebastian Slameczka offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Sebastian Slameczka leading 71. Leaders: Roman Zimmermann 86; Katie Ahern 426b; Elisabeth Schallwig 215; Aislinn Ahern 460; Sinead Hanrahan 296; Joanna Bennett 377; Mike Morrisroe 436; Ewa Lichnerowicz 505; Saara Pakarinen 101b; Kerry Cullinan 372; Laura Eisen 230; Caro Stamm-Reusch 528; Peter Kocher 351; Steph Malpass 349; Petra Ertl 110; Tara 313b; Maria Neumann-Fraune 37b; Kate Kirwan 500.

RECESS

Barnaby Walters called the class back together by leading 168. Leaders: Simone Singh-Sondhi 146; Sara Sandberg 556; Manu Engel 348t; Mahna Nowak 183; Derek Buckland 70t; Greg Carson 31t; Janna Itter 65; Anne Eringa 189; Gerben Vos 182; Joyce L. 547; Lizzy Van Blerkom 399t (in memory of all the songs the will be omitted); Cooper Thompson and Caro Stamm-Reusch 448t; Marvin Wortman 282 (dedicated to Nathalie and Sarah); Inga Buckland 491; Joel Igli 198; Judith Benkö 254.

RECESS

Greg Carson called the class back together by leading 47t. Leaders: Katie Ahern 475; Aislinn Ahern 112, 455, 300; Joanna Bennett 196, 448b, 133.

The class sang 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Judith Benkö.

Chairman—Barnaby Walters; Secretary—Bettina Jetzinger

GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Alpharetta City Hall, Alpharetta, Georgia

March 23-24, 2024

Saturday, March 23

The 60th session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention convened at Alpharetta City Hall in Alpharetta, Georgia, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in March. Vice Chairman Matt Hinton brought the class to order at 10:00 a.m., stating that Chairman Kathy Williams was sick. Matt welcomed everyone, then led 32t. Eddie Mash offered the morning prayer. Matt Hinton led 36b.

Leaders: Donna Bell 37b; Anna Hinton 155; John Plunkett 492; Phillip Langley 171; Jeannette DePoy 475; Glenda Collins 300 (for her brother, Manious Simmons); Oscar McGuire 34b; Lisa Bennett 138t; Faye Holbrook 67; Isaac Green 476 (for Judy Henry); Peg Faithful 65; Erica Hinton 391; Andy Ditzler 441; Helen Bryson 411 (for her friend, Gail, and Janice Brockland); Jim Neal 477; Bert Collins 335; Amy Wells 546; Bob Hume 276; Shawn Taylor 460; Michael Spencer 420; David Smead 458 (in memory of Dan Brittain).

RECESS

David Smead brought the class to order leading 31b. Leaders: Judy Mincey 320; Bill DuPre 49b; Anders Wells and Helen Wells 128. A business session was held. Vice Chairman Matt Hinton presided. The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary/Treasurer—Donna Bell. Anna Hinton was appointed to arrange. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 232 (in memory of John Nutting); Tony Hammock 148; Abigail Cannon 283; John Whittemore 40; David Brodeur 353; Eddie Mash 56b. Matt Hinton announced the committee appointments as follows: Memorial Committee—Prisca Rice; Finance Committee—Isaac Green and Anders Wells; Resolutions Committee—Gillian Inksetter and Jeannette DePoy; Chaplain—Bill DuPre; Arranging Committee—Anna Hinton.

Leaders: Justin Bowen 532; Prisca Rice 115; Pam Nunn 236; Jose Camacho 522. Bill DuPre offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

Phillip Langley brought the class back to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 392; Blake Sisemore and Mary Alice Pearson 192; Reba Windom 176b (in memory of Hubert Nall); Jerusha Wheeler 551; Caran Bramlette 454 (in memory of Elizabeth Carroll); Lela Crowder 224; Bob Hume 209; Laura Ackerman 543; Amy Wells 480; Peg Faithful 38b; Prisca Rice 74b; Eddie Mash 365; Justin Bowen and Reba Windom 434; Abigail Cannon 340; Jose Camacho 200; Anders Wells 99; Gillian Inksetter 500; John Whittemore 47b; Pam Nunn 528; Michael Spencer 191; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 284 (in memory of Ted); Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 63; Esther Morgan-Ellis 214 (for Pat Coghlan); Blake Sisemore 208.

Announcements were made.

Matt Hinton led 46 as the closing song. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, March 24

The Sunday session of the Georgia State Convention was brought to order by Matt Hinton leading 63. Bill DuPre offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Donna Bell 64; Bill DuPre 229; David Brodeur 360; Lela Crowder 77b (in memory of Charlene Wallace); Esther Morgan-Ellis 163t; Oscar McGuire 163b; Jeannette DePoy 89; Blake Sisemore 373; Prisca Rice and John Plunkett 465; Faye Holbrook 542; Andy Ditzler 250; Jim Neal 100; Isaac Green 541; Lisa Bennett and Isaac Green 399t; Abigail Cannon 274t; Lottie Hinton 383; Judy Mincey 474; Peg Faithful 448t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Phillip Langley leading 144. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 183; Jane Cannon 390; Debora Grosse 236; David Smead 188; Erica Hinton 157.

Prisca Rice conducted the memorial lesson. She read Psalm 16:1-9 from the Bible adding that we need to send cards and remember the sick and shut-ins in prayer, stating that we, ourselves have probably been on this list before. The names of the sick and shut-ins included Joyce Walton, Lucy Garner, Pat Coghlan, Earl Ballinger, Betty Shepherd, Judy Henry, Margaret Keeton, Sophie Sokolov, John Hollingsworth, Elsie Hollingsworth, Bill Hollingsworth, Don Bowen, Rose Watson, Beverly Rollins Thompson, Mike Hinton, Nate Green, Liz Patton, Ed Thacker, and Margaret Thacker. Prisca read Psalm 16: 10-11. The deceased remembered were Annamarie Schutter—Alaska; Lloyd Caldwell, Mary Ellen Wilkinson, Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Tommie Spurlock, Richard Mauldin, Pearl Guier, Norma Green, Hubert Nall—Alabama; Elizabeth Carroll, Cathy White, Ted Huddleston—Georgia; Dan Burk—California; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; George Reynolds, Scott Swanton, Zoe Clay—North Carolina; and Eva Streibeck—Germany. Prisca led 206. John Plunkett closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Karen Rollins 227; Reba Windom 436; Karen Ivey 422; Jesse P. Karlsberg 316; Lily Hammond 472; Bob Hume 159; Rosie Sokolov 345b; David Ivey 572; Matt Hinton, Kevin Hufford, and Debbie Hufford 203. Oscar McGuire offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with David Ivey leading 111t. Leaders: Lauren Bock 392; Rodney Ivey 317, 45t (by request); Clark Williams 208; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 362; Nathan Rees 306; Gillian Inksetter 142; Maddy Mullany and Devan Najera 81t; Eddie Mash 556 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Cheyenne Ivey 166; Lily Hammond 178; Blake Sisemore and Abigail Cannon 396; Rosie Sokolov 411; Bob Hume 186.

David Ivey and Jesse P. Karlsberg passed around sheet music of two new songs for the class to sing. Lauren Bock asked the class to sing another song as well.

Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 428; Peg Faithful 107; Debora Grosse 532; Clark Williams 301; Esther Morgan-Ellis 269; Jane Cannon 500; Maddy Mullany 402; Karen Rollins and Rodney Ivey 365; Reba Windom and Pam Nunn 216; Anna Hinton and Caleb Hightower 455; Gillian Inksetter 456; Karen Ivey and Jeannette DePoy 74b; John Plunkett 94 (in honor of Rosemund Watson); David Ivey 156.

The convention went into a business session to hear reports from the various committees. The Locating Committee called for a vote which resulted in a decision to hold the 2025 convention at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, in Bremen, Georgia. The Finance Report was given by Donna Bell. The Resolutions Committee submitted their report which expressed appreciation to the singers, the community, Alpharetta City Hall, the officers, and all others who helped with the convention. All reports were approved, and the business session was closed. Announcements were made.

Matt Hinton and Phillip Langley led 32t as the closing. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Hinton; Vice Chairman—Phillip Langley; Secretary—Donna Garner Bell

GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING **Sweetwater Chapel, Lawrenceville, Georgia** **Saturday, March 30, 2024**

The annual *Georgian Harmony* Singing was held on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday in 2024. All song selections were from *The Georgian Harmony* by Raymond Hamrick. John Plunkett called the class to order leading 141. Bill Hollingsworth offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 201; Bill Hollingsworth 155; David Smead 152; Christy Sinksen 233; Debora Grosse and Scott Grosse 25; Eddie Mash 26; Mary Baumeister 208; Helen Bryson 42; Oscar McGuire 9; Lisa Bennett 153; Will Gatewood 108; Shawn Taylor 15; Sandra Wilkinson 33; Chris Wilhelm 246; Leigh Cooper 66; Bill DuPre 65; Jesse P. Karlsberg 16, 44 (for John Hollingsworth).

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order leading 174. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 211; David Smead 198; Christy Sinksen 87; Debora Grosse 105; Eddie Mash 22; Mary Baumeister 28; Helen Bryson 50; Oscar McGuire 49; Lisa Bennett 48; Will Gatewood 19; Shawn Taylor 140; John Plunkett and Molly Peck 80; Sandra Wilkinson 111; Chris Wilhelm 181; Leigh Cooper 18; Bill DuPre 51; Jesse P. Karlsberg 86; Bill Hollingsworth 204.

LUNCH

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 54; David Smead 102; Christy Sinksen 252; Eddie Mash 13; Mary Baumeister 224 (in memory of Scott Swanton); Oscar McGuire 11; Lisa Bennett 10; Will Gatewood 29; Shawn Taylor 146; John Plunkett 226; Chris Wilhelm 122; Sandra Wilkinson 118; Bill DuPre 47; Bill Hollingsworth 138; David Smead 40; Christy Sinksen 203; Bill Hollingsworth 136; Mary Baumeister 170; Oscar McGuire 196; Lisa Bennett 244; Will Gatewood 171; John Plunkett 38; Chris Wilhelm 176; Bill DuPre 82. Announcements were made.

John Plunkett led 255 as the closing song. Eddie Mash offered the closing prayer. Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—David Smead

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION SPRING SESSION

**McMahan, Texas
March 30-31, 2024**

Saturday, March 30

The 123rd annual Southwest Texas Convention, Spring Session, met Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March 2024, at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church at McMahan, Texas. The tune book for the weekend was the 2012 Revision of The B.F. White Sacred Harp (*Cooper Book*) unless otherwise noted. Silas Huckaby called the class to order by leading 68b (CB). Elder Sonny Huckaby led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Silas Huckaby 48 (CB); Jeb Owen 558 (CB); Gary Rogan 418 (CB); Rick Foreman 68t (CB); Sarah Huckaby 522 (CB); Tom Owen 544 (CB) (for Mike Hinton); Elisabeth Conley 30b (CB); Zach Rogan 38b (CB); Hoss Curran 388 (CB); Liz Owen 186 (CB); Beverly Coates 171 (CB); Scott McCown 122 (CB); Weston Bowles 155 (CB); Jackson Owen 131b (CB); Ellie Curran 196 (CB); Daniel Allcock 422b (CB); Stina Soderling 290 (CB); Robert Vaughn 521 (CB); Mike Moseley 464 (CB); Ivy Hauser 472 (CB); Larkin Ross 40 (CB); Amy Peveto 422t (CB); David McPherson 449 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Silas Huckaby 67 (CB); Scott Curran 567 (CB); Amanda Bowles 442t (CB); Linda Booker 264b (CB); Ellen Ray 225t (CB); Leslie Alperin 239 (CB); Robert Stoddard 103 (CB); Kathy Manning 478 (CB); Anita Landess 133 (CB); Gaylon Powell, Kristie Powell, and Olivia Powell 232 (CB), 235 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 131t (CB); Peggy Morrison 293t (CB); Kayliegh Moseley 319 (CB); Donald Ross 373 (CB); Tristan Gordon 559 (CB); Janie Short 430 (CB); Ainsley Ross 72 (CB); Abby Huckaby 383 (CB).

At this time the business meeting was held. The following were elected to serve in the upcoming year: Chairman—Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman—Jackson Owen; Secretaries—Gaylon Powell and Kristie Powell.

Leaders: Kyle Hearn 299 (CB); Diane Ross 365 (CB). Elder Mike Moseley asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Jeb Owen 100 (CB); Chris Nicholson 212 (CB); Abi Curran 572 (CB); Leland Ross and Jeff Adcock 277 (CB); Addison Bowles 573 (CB); Riley Owen 283 (CB); Greg Bowles 138t (CB); Michele Curran 520 (CB); Owen Ross 143 (CB); Lauren Owen 61 (CB); Silas Huckaby 230 (CB); Elisabeth Conley 47b (CB); Hoss Curran 274t (CB); Weston Bowles 75 (CB); Ellen Ray 142 (CB); Larkin Ross 401 (CB); David McPherson 505 (CB); Ellen Ray 511t (CB); Ray Rechenberg 575 (CB). Sarah Huckaby and Gary Rogan were appointed to serve as the Memorial Committee.

RECESS

Leaders: Jackson Owen 31t (CB); Robert Stoddard 392 (CB); Leslie Alperin 132 (CB); Kathy Manning 393 (CB); Anita Landess 379 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 576 (CB); Peggy Morrison, Riley Owen, and Silas Huckaby 543 (CB); Kayliegh Moseley and Anne Moseley 140 (CB); Abby Huckaby 183 (CB); Abi Curran 146 (CB); Addison Bowles 145b (CB); Lauren Owen 39 (CB); Brooke Robb and Kristie Powell 514 (CB); Robert Vaughn and Mike Moseley 163t (CB); Janie Short and Ainsley Ross 179 (CB); Kyle Hearn and Chris Nicholson 282 (CB). Announcements were made.

Jeb Owen and Sonny Huckaby led 506 (GOS) as the closing song. The closing prayer was led by Rev. Owen Ross.

Sunday, March 31

The Sunday session of the convention began with Jeb Owen leading 553 (CB). The morning prayer was led by Donald Ross.

Leaders: Jeb Owen 408 (CB); Jackson Owen 293b (CB); Kristie Powell 110 (CB); Gaylon Powell 310 (CB); Sarah Huckaby 299 (CB); Gary Rogan 268t (CB); Riley Owen 511b (CB); Michele Curran 98 (CB); Jeff Adcock and Leland Ross 319 (CB); Jeff Adcock, Leland Ross, and Beverly Coates 571 (CB); Amy Peveto 524 (CB); Robert Stoddard 416t (CB); Kathy Manning 210 (CB); Leslie Alperin 276 (CB); Addison Bowles 572 (CB); Tristan Gordon 189 (CB); Abi Curran 146 (CB); Daniel Allcock 427 (CB); Xochitl Ross and Diane Ross 449 (CB); Peggy Morrison 148 (CB); Ivy Hauser 91 (CB); Ellee Curran 367 (CB); Anita Landess 453t (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Jackson Owen 76b (CB); Greg Bowles 47t (CB); Stina Soderling 324 (CB); Owen Ross 404 (CB); David McPherson 107 (CB); Liz Owen 220 (CB); Larkin Ross 145b (CB); Abby Huckaby 222 (CB); Hoss Curran 207t (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 173 (CB); Donald Ross 591 (CB); Linda Booker 573 (CB); Beverly Coates and Abby Huckaby 99 (CB) (in memory of Cheryl Foreman); Olivia Powell 36b (CB); Luran Owen 514 (CB).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Jackson Owen read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: John Morris, Mike Hinton, Rebecca Short, Leon Ballinger, Ruth Anne Bryant, Corrone Bryant, and Kelsey Taylor. After making comments, he led 384 (CB) in their honor.

Sarah Huckaby read the following list of names of the deceased: Rosalee Burns, Eli Howard—Texas; Tommie Spurlock, Norma Green—Alabama; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Jeff Begley—California; Alfred Sausotte, John Van Duser—Colorado; Joan Sheldon—Maine; Fran McPherson—New Mexico; Eva Striebeck—Germany. She made comments and led 380t (CB) in their memory.

Gary Rogan made comments and read the first verse of the words to China (232 GOS). He led 285t (CB) in the memory of the deceased. The memorial lesson closed with prayer by Elder Jeb Owen.

Leaders: Amanda Bowles 68t (CB); Scott Curran 469 (GOS); Tom Owen 365 (CB); Weston Bowles and Jeff Adcock 82 (CB). Robert Stoddard offered prayer for the noon lunch.

LUNCH

Leaders: Jeb Owen 101t (CB); Silas Huckaby 129 (CB); Brooke Robb and Kristie Powell 81 (CB); Tammy Powell 95b (CB); Diane Ross 300 (CB); Leland Owell, Jeff Adcock, Larkin Ross, and Diane Ross 128 (CB); Robert Stoddard 344 (CB); Kathy Manning 395b (CB); Leslie Alperin 331b (CB); Addison Bowles and Ellee Curran 500 (CB); Abi Curran and Luran Owen 75 (CB); Peggy Morrison 587 (CB); Anita Landess 112 (CB); Martha Ann Aiken and John Baker 323b (CB); Stina Soderling and Tristan Gordon 471 (CB); Ivy Hauser and Silas Huckaby 201 (CB); David McPherson 463 (CB); Abby Huckaby and Olivia Powell 137 (CB); Hoss Curran and Weston Bowles 159 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 551 (CB); Linda Booker and Tammy Powell 559 (CB). Announcements were made.

Leaders: Amy Peveto and Brooke Robb 199 (CB); Xochitl Ross and Owen Ross 240 (CB); Daniel Allcock and Hardy Davis 168 (CB); Donald Ross and Diane Ross 53 (CB); Liz Owen and Michele Rogan 192 (CB); Gary Rogan, Tom Owen, Greg Bowles, and Scott Curran 465 (CB); Beverly Coates, Sarah Huckaby, and Amanda Bowles 508 (CB).

Jeb Owen, Jackson Owen, Kristie Powell, and Gaylon Powell led “Blissful Hope” (no. 6 from *The Good Old Songs*). Tom Owen offered the closing prayer.
Chairman—Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman—Jackson Owen; Secretary—Gaylon and Kristie Powell

IVEY MEMORIAL
Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama
Sunday, March 31, 2024

The annual Ivey Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Baptist Church on the first fifth Sunday of the year. The class was called to order by Shane Wootten leading 49t (in memory of Marlon Wootten). Eddie Mash offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 222 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Nicholas Thompson 436; Blake Sisemore 69t; Hayden Wootten 40; Winfred Kerr 146 (in memory of Rebecca Over); Daniel Lee 106; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 297; Wayne Wootten 155; Judy Caudle 415; Aaron Wootten 63; Larry Ballinger 389 (for Earl Ballinger); Daryl Chesney 454; Marty Wootten 399b; David Light 200; Judy Chambless 472 (for the Rogers family); Bill DuPre 378b; Eddie Mash 210; Pam Nunn 556 (in memory of Mike Nunn, Jeff Sheppard, and Shelbie Sheppard); Jamey Wootten 176b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Rodney Ivey and Blake Sisemore leading 56t. Leaders: Jared Wootten 171; Susan Lee 300 (in memory of Philip Denney); Buell Cobb 83t (in memory of Dan Brittain); Alissa Eiesland and Leon Cummings 117.

Present members of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company Board of Directors gathered in the square. Karen Rollins spoke and presented the family of Marlon Wootten with a posthumous citation in honor of his lifetime support of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. Shane Wootten and Wayne Wootten, sons of Marlon and Eloise Wootten, accepted the plaque.

Leaders: Shane Wootten, Wayne Wootten, and Mark Carroll 99 (in memory of Marlon Wootten); Shane Wootten 365; Jonathan Wood and Emily Wood 54; Cheyenne Ivey 172; Linton Ballinger 421; Elene Stovall 500; Tony Ivey 139; Everett Ivey 153.

RECESS

Shane Wootten led 101t to bring the class together. Leaders: Lori Rodgers 379; Grace Whitener, Meredith Ivey, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 46; Dixie Carter Ivey 421 (by request); Ainslie Allen 430; Sarah Wootten and Caroline Wootten 460; Mammie Sisemore and Rachael Geary 354b; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 196; Jerry Turlington 290; David Brodeur 273; Deborah Taube 32t; Robert Chambless 452; Calum Woods 283; April Watkins 111t. Mark Carroll asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Shane Wootten leading 42. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 314; Lisa Geist 304; Jesse P. Karlsberg 302; Kelsey Ivey 536; Loyd Ivey and Shane Wootten 306; Alex Forsyth and Lauren Bock 292; Shawn Taylor 492; Nathan Rees 157; Abigail Cannon 129; Maddie Mullaney and Robert Glove 182; Garrett Morton and Betty Shepherd 216; Peg Faithful 107; Tom George 197; Leigh Cooper 189; Richard Ivey 418; Sarah George 447; Cassie Allen 214; Clarke Williams 92; Stefani Priskos 163t; Jeff McLeod 319.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Rodney Ivey and Tom George leading 47t. Leaders: Shane Wootten and Sybil Adams 47b; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Alison Ivey, Imge Wood, and Angela Wood 384; Annie Grace Wootten 354b; Bob Hume 276; Lilly

Underwood, Theresa Bethune, and Marion Biddle 426t; Reba Windom 542; Shane Brown 383; Sharon DuPriest and Nicholas Thompson 434 (in memory of Daphne Causey); Rachael Geary and Alex Forsyth 30b (in memory of Rachael's grandfather); Samuel Williams 353; Deborah Morton 299; Rodney Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 465 (CB) (in memory of Coy Ivey); Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Tony Ivey 445 (for Sylvia Ivey). Announcements were made.

Shane Wootten and Tony Ivey led 159 as the closing song. Tony Ivey dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Shane Wootten; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

BRIGHTON SACRED HARP SINGING DAY
Exeter Street Hall, Brighton, East Sussex, United Kingdom
Saturday, April 6, 2024

The 7th Brighton Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was called to order by Seth Dickens leading 299. The opening prayer was offered by Derek Buckland.

Leaders: Vicky Tremain 171; Rachel Jordan 52t; Jill Thompson 49b; Rob Mahoney 86; Una Nicholson 217; Nick Hall 489; Natalie Edelman 503; Sarah Hill 105; Cath Saunt 29t; William Spendlove 271t; Rowan Simms 411; William Cleary 565; Molly-Claire Gillett 430; Claire Welford 208; Vic Grigg 47b; Joe Vickers 378b; Derek Buckland 83t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Nick Hall leading 34b. Leaders: Bella Cranmore 107; Arthur Swindells 456; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 89; Susanne Rolli 350.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Rob Mahoney. He spoke for the sick and housebound, and Ted Brown read the following names: Ian Lamb, Ron Hollman, Iain Paxon, Eleanor Callaghan, Edwin Macadam, Judith Snelling, Charles, Joyce, Heather Prescott, Steve Legg, Graham Rees, Annette Stewart, Werner Kist, Julie Harris, Betty Stratford, Pat Morgan, Anne Davis, Uschi Nolte, Ted Johnson, and Harold Somerset.

Rob Mahoney also spoke in memory of the deceased, and Ted Brown read following the names: Carole Baldie—Pulborough; Barbara Nicholson—West Chiltington; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Cheryl Foreman—Texas, USA; Dennis Lanfear—Bristol; Walter Graf—Minnesota, USA; Melanie Hauff—Illinois, USA; Eva Striebeck—Bremen, Germany; Dorothy Landskroener—Ohio, USA; Richard Mauldin—Alabama, USA; Dan Burk—California, USA; and Cathy White—Georgia, USA. Rob led 481 and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Teresa Maguire 42; Megan Streb 146; Sue Lankear 163b; Greg Carson 348t; Jan Geerts 71; Neil Horlock 65; Helen Brown 142; Jacqui Knowles 282; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 457; Kostas Mavreas 117; Jo-anne Carlyle 547; Constance Des Marais 546. The grace was offered by Cath Saunt.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Sarah Hill and Nell Hill-Percival leading 82t. Leaders: Claire Welford 112; Morgan Kist 49t; Toby Goss 474; Holly Copeland 288; Jan Geerts 365; William Spendlove 155; Emily Bador 108b; Molly-Claire Gillett 344; William Cleary 236; Cath Saunt 228; Arthur Swindells 448t; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 496; Constance Des Marais 436; Rachel Jordan 475; Rosanna Bini 59; Derek Buckland 126; Helen Brown 472; Rowan Simms 328; Megan Streb 133; Neil Horlock 400.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Una Nicholson leading 314. Leaders: Joe Vickers 498; Teresa Maguire 129; Susanne Rolli 34t; Kostas Mavreas 168; Jo-anne Carlyle 287; Jacqui Knowles 277; Greg Carson 276; Sue Lankear 334; Maggie

Eiseman-Renyard 504; Catherine Roberts 432; Natalie Edelman 535; Morgan Kist 324; Toby Goss 313b; Holly Copeland 81t; Vic Grigg 268; Jan Geerts 50t; Nick Hall 455; Molly-Clare Gillett 454; Jill Thompson 99.

Announcements were made by Seth Dickens, who thanked all who made the seventh Brighton All-Day Singing possible. It was reported that there were fifty-nine registered attendees and seventy-seven songs were sung.

Seth Dickens led 347 as the closing song. Jean Mahoney offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Seth Dickens; Chairman—Ian Lamb; Secretary—Jill Thompson

DAHLONEGA SINGING

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Dahlonega, Georgia

Saturday, April 6, 2024

The 2nd annual Dahlonega Singing was held at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Dahlonega, Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 46. Abigail Cannon offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 181 (for Jura Pintar); Abigail Cannon 42, 274t; Lily Hammond 472, 159; Shawn Taylor 126, 504; Cameron Adams 479, 334; Rachel Grindle 30t, 47b; Andy Ditzler 104, 44; Yawen Li 63; Bill Dupre 29t, 86; Emma Parrish 155, 505; David Brodeur 168, 475; Jane Cannon 33b, 318.

RECESS

Esther Morgan-Ellis brought the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: Bill Hogan 189, 532; Oscar McGuire 485, 276; Esther Morgan-Ellis and Cheryl Thomlinson 515.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Abigail Cannon and Lily Hammond. Abigail Cannon led 330b for the following sick and shut-ins: Pat Coghlan, Earl Ballinger, Lee Barrow, and Russel Cofer. Lily Hammond led 163b in memory of the deceased: P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Martha Ann Stegar—Georgia; Dan Burk—California; Tommie Spurlock, Richard Mauldin, and Pearl Guier—Alabama; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Melanie Hauff—Illinois; and Scott Swanton—North Carolina.

Leaders: Robert Kelley 182, 202; Esther Morgan-Ellis 227, 492 (for Pat Coghlan); Abigail Cannon 61, 335.

LUNCH

Esther Morgan-Ellis brought the class back to order leading 179. Leaders: Bill Dupre 73t, 512; Lily Hammond 436, 547; Bill Hogan 192, 566; Rachel Grindle 45t; Oscar McGuire 556, 34b; Emma Parrish 383, 235; Andy Ditzler 344, 151; Jane Cannon 454, 564; Robert Kelley 80b, 88t; Jodi Cofer and Lily Hammond 146, 178; David Brodeur 225b; Shawn Taylor 245. In a business meeting, Esther Morgan-Ellis was elected to serve as Chairwoman, with the responsibility of appointing the other officers.

RECESS

Esther Morgan-Ellis brought the class back to order leading 282. Leaders: Cheryl Thomlinson and Esther Morgan-Ellis 408; Andy Ditzler 185; Rachel Grindle 59; Oscar McGuire 284; Jane Cannon 352; Bill Hogan 353; Bill Dupre 285t; Yawen Li 285b; Robert Kelley 468; Emma Parrish 288; Bill Hogan 270; David Brodeur 466; Abigail Cannon 76b, 283. Announcements were made.

Lily Hammond, Esther Morgan-Ellis, and Abigail Cannon led 347 as the closing song. Lily Hammond offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Esther Morgan-Ellis; Vice Chairperson—Abigail Cannon; Secretary—Lily Hammond

HARPETH VALLEY-PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING

Radnor Primitive Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, April 6, 2024

The 61st annual Harpeth Valley and Priestley Miller Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Tim Reynolds leading 34b. Larry Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 84; David Carlton 171, 421; Nicholas Thompson 138t, 200; Caleb Dillehay 37b, 89; Barrett Patton 56t, 112; Emily Stutzman and Zoe Edwards 504, 455; Isaac Green 493, 80b (for Earl Ballinger); Rick Fretter 350, 86.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Larry Brown leading 236 and 49b. Leaders: Barrett Patton and Taylor Hayes 45b, 59; Nicole Scott, Angela Wood, and Josh Philpott 159, 47b; Margaret Evey and Zoe Edwards 313b, 50b.

RECESS

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 481; Frances Clark and Karen Curington 63; Barrett Patton 129, 270; Nicholas Thompson and Barrett Patton 145t, 528 (for Earl Ballinger); Isaac Green 271t, 399b; Josh Philpott and Nicole Scott 216, 217; Caleb Dillehay 313t, 48t; Larry Brown 99, 155; Jason Whipp 569b, 567; Tim Reynolds 573.

Nicholas Thompson asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tim Reynolds and Angela Wood leading 148.

Leaders: David Carlton 198, 272; Margaret Evey 178, 29t; Nicholas Thompson 172, 189; Isaac Green 206 (for Henry Johnson), 101t (for Betty Shepherd); Rick Fretter 107, 551; Larry Brown 454, 515; Caleb Dillehay 475, 39b; Angela Wood and Nicole Scott 306, 43; Barrett Patton 139, 177 (for Earl Ballinger); Margaret Evey 38b, 62; Emily Stutzman 480, 418; Mark Stutzman 361. Announcements were made.

Tim Reynolds led 323t as the closing song. Emily Stutzman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

SWEETWATER SACRED HARP SINGING

Episcopal Church of The Mediator, Micanopy, Florida

Saturday, April 6, 2024

The 4th annual all-day singing in Micanopy was the first all-day singing hosted in Micanopy since April 2019 due to the covid pandemic. Thirty-four singers attended. Church of the Mediator Senior Warden Jeffrey Forbes welcomed the class and offered the opening prayer. He began the morning session by leading 63 and then 30t.

Leaders: Pat Morse 168; Fay Baird 155; Rachel Speer 175; Jonathan Surrency 335; Dean Jens 351; Jose Camacho 73t; Ellen Fournier 162; Joshua Klatt 84; Steve Atlas 128; Colter Keffeler 282; Dorothea Maynard 442; Jeffrey Forbes 209; Pat Morse 142; Fay Baird 551; Rachel Speer 485; Jonathan Surrency 410t; Dean Jens 429; Jose Camacho 47t; Ellen Fournier 178; Joshua Klatt 49b; Steve Atlas 117; Colter Keffeler 277; Dorothea Maynard 198.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Jeffrey Forbes leading 99. Leaders: Beverly Dayton 515; Pat Morse 147t; Rachel Speer 284; Jonathan Surrency 186; Dean Jens 272; Marja Millard 36b; Jose Camacho 365; Ellen Fournier 59; Joshua Klatt 40; Steve Atlas 254; Colter Keffeler 457; Dorothea Maynard 383; Jeffrey Forbes 58; Beverly Dayton 528; Pat Morse 137; Rachel Speer 222; Jonathan Surrency 112; Dean Jens 110; Marja Millard 472; Jose Camacho 232; Ellen Fournier 163b; Joshua Klatt 39t; Steve Atlas and Jonathan Surrency 159; Dorothea Maynard 361. Announcements were made.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Fay Baird leading 288. Leaders: Jeffrey Forbes 31t; Beverly Dayton 569b; Rachel Speer 481; Pat Morse 299; Jonathan Surrency 460; Dean Jens 201; Roxanne Palmer 334; Marja Millard 86; Jose Camacho 236; Ellen Fournier 207; Joshua Klatt 52b; Dorothea Maynard 196; Fay Baird 300; Jeffrey Forbes 523; Beverly Dayton 347; Rachel Speer 69t; Pat Morse 47b; Marja Millard 276; Jonathan Surrency 408; Dean Jens 278t; Roxanne Palmer 268; Jose Camacho 448t; Ellen Fournier 100; Joshua Klatt 146; Dorothea Maynard 480; Fay Baird 235. The final song of the day was 62 and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Jeffrey Forbes and Pat Morse; Secretary—Fay Baird

P. DAN BRITTAIN MEMORIAL SINGING
West Fork Community Center, West Fork, Arkansas

April 6-7, 2024

Saturday, April 6

The P. Dan Brittain Memorial Singing was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in April at the West Fork Community Center. The class was called to order by Syd Caldwell leading 36b. Bill Caldwell offered the morning prayer. Greetings and welcoming remarks were made by the mayor of West Fork, Heith Caudle. Syd Caldwell and Heith Caudle led 45t. A basic singing school was taught by David Ivey. Leaders: David Ivey 31b; Cory Winters 13 (MH); Prisca Rice 2 (MH); Bill Caldwell 62 (MH); Midge Harder 22 (MH); Thom Fahrbach 315; Alice Bean 323b; Bob Borcharding 428; Mckenna Mullis 180 (MH); Paul Landskroener 127 (MH); Anne Missavage 66; Donald Ross 225t; Allison Langston 99; Rick Foreman 142; Barbara Swetman 138 (MH); David Smead 111 (MH); Beth Janes 203; Steven T. Schmidgall 496; Miriam Delirium 499; Kristofer Ilex 426t; Anne Evers 290.

RECESS

Syd Caldwell called the class back to order leading 460. A remembrance service of P. Dan Brittain was led by David Ivey, and the class sang all the published works of P. Dan Brittain from the Sacred Harp and the *Missouri Harmony*. Leaders: Kathy Williams 472; Steven T. Schmidgall 313b; Mckenna Mullis and Paul Landskroener 481; Karen Willard 353; Cory Winters 156 (MH); Allison Langston, Beth Janes, and Cory Winters 175 (MH); Miriam Delirium 160 (MH); Syd Caldwell 172 (MH); Thom Fahrbach and Carrie Walker 167 (MH); Dami Osoba 102 (MH); Lisa Bennett 125 (MH); Barbara Swetman 141 (MH). Cory Winters dismissed the class with 164 (MH).

LUNCH

David Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading 103. Leaders: Jim Herr 475; Diane Ross 455; Tom Evers 503; Clara Herr 163t; Lori Graber 147 (MH); Lamar Matthew 156; Elene Stovall 440; Andrew Albers 160t; Karen Ivey 532; Rosie Sokolov 500; Tammy Heinsohn 155; Judy Mincey 75 (MH); Bridge Hill Kennedy 536; Ellen Ray 133; David Ivey 171; Carrie Walker 434; Prisca Rice 441; Karen Willard 166 (MH).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Syd Caldwell leading 137. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 458; Dami Osoba 375; Kathy Williams 273; Cory Winters, Sandra Winters, and Bobby Winters 39t; Cory Winters, Syd Caldwell, Norma Dickerson, Melanie Albers, and Bonnie Wood 59; Thom Fahrbach 430; Bill Caldwell 178; Midge Harder and Mckenna Mullis 339; Bob Borcharding 235; Paul Landskroener 458. Syd Caldwell led 146 as the closing song. Bill Caldwell offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, April 7

The Sunday session was called to order by Syd Caldwell and David Ivey leading 82t. Bill Caldwell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: David Ivey 399t; Donald Ross 399b; Diane Ross 350; Rick Foreman 492; Alice Bean 31t; Allison Langston 200; Mark Godfrey 283; Anne Missavage 106; Leigh Cooper 112; David Smead 567; Beth Janes 30b; Barbara Swetman 542; Steve Schmidgall 369; Miriam Delirium 76b; Kristopher Ilex 278b; Jim Herr 222; Syd Caldwell, David Ivey, and Karen Ivey 183.

RECESS

Cory Winters and Darryl Criss called the class back to order leading 274t. Leaders: Tom Evers 29t; Kathy Williams 186; Clara Herr 157; Lamar Matthew 35; Lori Graber 174 (MH); Elene Stovall 411; Andrew Albers 107; Karen Ivey 371; Rosie Sokolov 227; Tammy Heinsohn 159; Judy Mincey 89 (MH); Bridge Hill Kennedy 276; Thom Fahrback 511; Carrie Walker 176t; Karen Willard 501; Lisa Bennett 348t; Dami Osoba 277; Cory Winters 236.

Jim Herr led 86 for the following sick and shut-ins: Janet Fraembs, Terry Hogg, Peggy Brayfield, Steve Duff, Sue Duff, Ed Walton, Mike Hinton, Pat Coghlan, Ted Johnson, Ginny Ely, Margaret Keeton, Earl Ballinger, Liz Patton, Don Bowen, Lara River, Nate Green, Betsy Jeronen, Sidra Scherke, Darrell Parker, Ernestine Parker, Penny Kujawinski, Lou Kujawinski, and Mona Vice.

Karen Ivey and Bill Caldwell conducted the memorial lesson. They led 285t in memory of the following deceased: Dan Brittain, Lloyd Caldwell, Nancy Payne, and Bill Stewart—Arkansas; Mary Ellen 'Grandma' Wilkinson—Oklahoma; Tommie Spurlock, Norma Green, Hubert Nall, Richard Mauldin, Chita Blakely, Joe Jones, Jerry Kitchens, Pearl Guier, and Gaston White—Alabama; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Prudy Duff, Connie Crabtree, Lucille Bayer, and Dorothy Landskroener—Ohio; Frank Wood—Minnesota; John Van Duzer, Alfred Sausotte, and Pete Matthewson—Colorado; Graham Dezarn—Virginia; Lydia Llewellyn—North Carolina; Martha Ann Stegar—Georgia; Charlotte Erhman—New York; Becky Browne—Missouri; Melaine Hauff—Illinois; Cora Beasley Jones—Tennessee; Jeff Begley—California. Syd Caldwell, Kathy Williams, and Elene Stovall led 192 for Janice Caldwell.

Leaders: Ellen Ray 92; Donald Ross 331; Diane Ross 354t; Rick Foreman 448t; Midge Harder 36t; Allison Langston 472; Syd Caldwell and David Ivey 164 (MH).

LUNCH

Syd Caldwell and David Ivey brought the afternoon session to order leading 182.

Leaders: Bill Caldwell 240; Leigh Cooper 68t; Mark Godfrey 83t; Mckenna Mullis 547; Willi Carlisle 268; Harry Scott 524; Bob Borcherding 148; Alice Bean 551; Paul Landskroener 271t; Anne Missavage 280; David Smead 548; Beth Janes 288; Barbara Swetman 91; Steven T. Schmidgall 270; Miriam Delirium 506; Kristofer Ilex 328; Anne Evers 447; Jim Herr 546; Tom Evers 535; Kathy Williams 448b; Clara Herr and Jim Herr 556; Syd Caldwell and Bridge Hill Kennedy 318; Lamar Matthew 388; Lori Graber 122; Elene Stovall and Syd Caldwell 298; Andrew Albers 24t; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 217; Rosie Sokolov 425; Tammy Heinsohn 479; Judy Mincey 135 (MH); Carrie Walker 348b; Karen Willard 128; Lisa Bennett 550; Dami Osoba 282.

Syd Caldwell and David Ivey led 62 as the closing song. Bill Caldwell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairmen—Syd Caldwell and David Ivey; Arranging—Cory Winters; Secretaries—Allison Langston and Mckenna Mullis

POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE-NOTE SINGING CONVENTION

Silver Spring, Maryland and Arlington, Virginia

April 6-7, 2024

Saturday, April 6

The Saturday session of the 33rd annual Potomac River Convention met at Church of the Ascension, Silver Spring, Maryland, on the first Saturday in April. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Shenandoah Harmony*. The class was called to order by Alexa Silverman leading 34b.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Alexa Silverman; Vice Chairman—David Shulman; Treasurer—Lucas Husted; Secretary—Nina Burris; Chaplains—Thomas Ward and Robin Banerji. Thomas Ward offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Matt Ference 81t; Doe Lowinger 162; Kelly Macklin 24b (ShH); Katie Browne 282; Corey Guerrieri 12b (ShH); Eli Snyder 344; Bridget Jamison 42; John delRe 334 (ShH); Thomas Ward 296; Gabe Simerson 178; Jonathan Een Newton 105; Chris Wolf 137 (ShH); Don Fahey 441 (ShH); Lucas Husted 197 (ShH); Richard Green 137.

RECESS

Don Fahey led 41 (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Kathy Manning 431 (ShH); Alexa Silverman 335; Beverly Yaeger 310 (ShH); Madeline Senger 472; Susan Green 363 (ShH); Liz Meitzler Guevara 213t; Carol Dissmeyer and Chris Wolf 337; Ginny Klein and Matt Ference 117; Bailey Myers and Kelly Hughes 354t; Mary Ann Daly 126; Nina Burris 480; Alice Noyes 66; Francesca Costantino and Liz Meitzler Guevara 245; David Shulman 52t; Lynn Thyne and David Shulman 268; Clare Chapin 486; Judy Getrich 546; Leyland delRe 270 (ShH); Emily Ross 83b; Julia Seidenstein 59; Adele Anderson 106; Karen Ashbrook and Alexa Silverman 312b; Lucas Husted and Gillie Campbell 40; Matt Ference 242 (ShH); Doe Lowinger 69t; Katie Browne 277; Kelly Macklin 440 (ShH); Lucas Husted 448b; Corey Guerrieri 414b (ShH). Thomas Ward offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Emily Ross led 305 (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Chris Wolf 171 (ShH); Liz Meitzler Guevara 243 (ShH); Kyle Johnston 420t (ShH); Corinne Ducey and Lucas Husted 227; Gabe Simerson 254; John delRe 80 (ShH); Barbara Barry 132 (ShH); Eric Ames and Susan Green 198; Susan Green and Richard Green 99; Sharon Watts and Emily Ross 299; Gabe Simerson 411; Corey Guerrieri 300; Richard Green 266 (ShH); Jonathan Een Newton 322 (ShH).

RECESS

Eli Snyder led 7b (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Thomas Ward 397 (ShH); Don Fahey 285 (ShH); Kathy Manning 209 (ShH); Alexa Silverman 169 (ShH); Lynn Thyne 265 (ShH); Madeline Senger 294 (ShH); Leyland delRe 220 (ShH); Kyle Johnston 416 (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 417 (ShH); Emily Ross 367 (ShH); Chris Wolf 351 (ShH); John A. Morriberón 162 (ShH); David Shulman 236; Eli Snyder 189; Judy Getrich 270; Mary Ann Daly 150 (ShH); Alice Noyes 284; Clare Chapin 418t (ShH). Announcements were made.

Alexa Silverman led 129b (ShH) as the closing song. Thomas Ward offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, April 7

The Sunday session of the 33rd annual Potomac River Convention met at Lacey Woods Park, Arlington, Virginia, on Sunday after the first Saturday in April. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and *The Shenandoah Harmony*. The class was called to order by David Shulman leading 276. Robin Banerji offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kelly Macklin 14 (ShH); Kevin Isaac Slaughter 82t; John delRe 152 (ShH); Matt Ference 18b (ShH); Doe Lowinger 114 (ShH); Susan Green 338 (ShH); Liz Meitzler Guevara 60b (ShH); Thomas Ward 232 (ShH); Jonathan Een Newton 17 (ShH); Don Fahey 267; Lucas Husted 125 (ShH); Robin Banerji 211 (ShH); Richard Vinson 140b (ShH); Joseph Vinson 71; Ian Little 197 (ShH); Shea Hendren 186.

RECESS

Alexa Silverman led 9b (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jim Strube 236; Richard Green 7b (ShH); Maria Cramer 126; Alexa Silverman 504; Bridget Jamison 125; Madeline Senger 374b (ShH); Lindsey Falbo 403 (ShH); Elena Conway 80 (ShH); Mona Lewandoski 48 (ShH); Kathy Manning 340b (ShH); Adrienne Robertson and Mollie Ogle 198; Josh Barnett 472; David Shulman 89; Chris Wolf 200; Julia Seidenstein 129.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Gillie Campbell and Jim Strube. Gillie Campbell gave the memorial lesson, connecting our practice of speaking the names of the deceased to thousands of years of tradition, of importance both historical and deeply personal. She paid special honor to Nancy Macklin, a beloved member of our local singing community who passed away in January of this year. She read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Mike Hinton, Pat Coghlan, Ethel Strube, Mike House, Ted Johnson, Marty De Nys, and Dana Byrd.

She also read the following list of names of the deceased: Jeff Begley—California; Denny Cook—Maryland; Cynthia Wilson, Shane Rogers, Bob Nichols, Nancy Macklin, Samuel Morriberón, and Samson Stabler—Virginia; Dan Brittain—Arkansas; David Wilson—North Carolina; Rosita Lee—Hong Kong; Matthew Burns—Vermont. Gillie Campbell and Jim Strube led 246b (ShH).

Leaders: Jim Strube 296 (ShH); Corinne Ducey 373b (ShH); Leyland delRe 76t (ShH); Eli Snyder 280 (ShH); Liz Meitzler Guevara 270 (ShH); Kevin Isaac Slaughter 268; Doe Lowinger 547; Matt Ference 105 (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 128 (ShH); Mary De Nys 306 (ShH); Theo Carney 327; Emily Ross 3t (ShH). Robin Banerji offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Robin Banerji led 163b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Kyle Johnston 129t (ShH); Pete Sandeen 47b; Kelly Macklin 154 (ShH); Theo Carney 146; Steven Sabol 567; Susan Green 157; Lucas Husted 287; Bridget Jamison 315; Kelly Hughes 431 (ShH); Lindsey Falbo 122; Thomas Ward 76b; John delRe 466; Chris Wolf 309 (ShH); Jonathan Een Newton 428 (ShH); Richard Vinson 242 (ShH); Joseph (Jo) Vinson 457.

RECESS

Nina Burris led 105 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Shea Hendren 282; Jim Strube 254 (ShH); Richard Green 424b (ShH); Don Fahey 413 (ShH); Mona Lewandoski 404t (ShH); Madeline Senger 481; Alexa Silverman 260b (ShH); Martha Burns 288; Maria Cramer 424t (ShH); Kathy Manning 170; Adrienne Robertson and Mollie Ogle 84; Eli Snyder 22b (ShH); Nina Burris 287 (ShH); Emily Ross 457 (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 305 (ShH); David Shulman 344.

A business meeting was held in order to hear reports from various committees. Lucas Husted reported for the Finance Committee that expenses were met. Alexa Silverman reported that the Potomac River Convention would meet again on the first Saturday of April and the Sunday after in 2025. The meeting was closed.

Announcements were made.

Alexa Silverman invited Potomac River Convention officers and volunteers to join her in leading 246b (ShH) as the closing song. She offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Alexa Silverman; Vice Chairperson—David Shulman; Secretary—Nina Burris

MCGUIRE MEMORIAL

Bruce, Mississippi

April 7, 2024

The 10th annual Hugh Bill McGuire Memorial Sacred Harp singing (formerly held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church) was held at the Bruce Forestry Museum. Henry McGuire called the class to order leading 547t (WB). Nicholas Thompson offered the morning prayer. Henry McGuire then led 487t (WB), and appointed Warren Steel secretary and Nicholas Thompson arranging committee. Leaders: Drew McGuire 33b, 37b; Warren Steel 74t, 375; Nicholas Thompson 139, 182; Mike Hankins 36b, 59; Isaac Green 488, 439; Jeff James 31b, 31t; Anne Steel 142, 318; Will Gatewood 478t (WB), 48t; Ricky Beasley 30b, 49b.

RECESS

Henry McGuire called the class together leading 486t (WB). Leaders: Danny Creel 283, 269; Larry Ballinger 428, 551; Chuck Howell 420, 373; Lisa Geist 527, 492; Amber Davis 177, 192; Chris Ballinger 111b, 344; Mark Davis 74b, 530; Charlie McGuire 442, 181; Regina Derstine 504, 390; Mark Tew 30t, 339.

LUNCH

Henry McGuire and sons, Drew and Charlie, called the class together leading 492 (WB). Leaders: Jeff James 527 (WB); Drew McGuire, Audrey McGuire, and Macy McGuire 213t, 160b; Curtis Gregory 341, 119; Isaac Green 525 (WB); Nicholas Thomson and Lisa Geist 526 (WB); Regina Derstine 208; Ricky Beasley 348b; Danny Creel 215; Mark Davis 189; Will Gatewood 530 (WB); Chris Ballinger 120; Anne Steel 400; Henry McGuire 511 (WB), 196 (WB); Molly Peck and Warren Steel 38b, 455; Dave Stewart and Drew McGuire 40, 140; Mark Davis 236.

Announcements were made.

Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, and Charlie McGuire led 62 as the closing song. Drew McGuire dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, April 7, 2024

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Edwardsville Baptist Church, Edwardsville, Alabama, was held on the first Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 59. Daniel Williams offered the morning prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed the singers and visitors and led 68b. Leaders: Glenda Collins 32t, 81t, 101t; Winfred Kerr 100, 89, 146 (in memory of Rebecca Over); Barbara Brooks 406, 129; Robert Chambless 235, 225t; Bert Collins 542, 63, 35; Jack Nelson 64, 480, 551.

RECESS

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Daniel Williams 47b, 128, 230; Oscar McGuire 163b, 503, 66. In a business meeting, the following officers were elected: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambless. Leaders: Judy Chambless 501, 418, 472; Cecil Roberts 348b, 229, 48t; Jack Nelson 228, 30b; Robert Chambless 549, 354t; Daniel Williams 285t, 144, 138b; Oscar McGuire 479, 34b, 452; Bert Collins 335, 97, 378t; Barbara Brooks 410t, 410b.

LUNCH

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 77t and 76b (in memory of Stanly Edwards). Leaders: Winfred Kerr 77b, 46; Judy Chambless 341, 348t.

Announcements were made.

Cecil Roberts led 30t as the closing song. Daniel Williams offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambless

**ELDER HOMER BENEFIELD, KATHRYN BENEFIELD, AND
MILDRED PATTERSON MEMORIAL**

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, Waco, Georgia

Friday night, April 12, 2024

The Sacred Harp singing in memory of Elder Homer Benefield, Kathryn Benefield, and Mildred Patterson was held on Friday night before the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Cecil Roberts leading 34b and 35. He offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Glenda Collins 32t, 45t; Winfred Kerr 49t, 89; Bert Collins 97, 378t; Sarah Roberts 59, 108t; Paul Lindholm 30b; Joyce Lambert 56t; Cecil Roberts 303; Glenda Collins 225t, 445; Sarah Roberts 119.

RECESS

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 49b; Winfred Kerr 146; Tammy Heinsohn 86, 479; Virginia Landgraf 189, 348t.

In a business session, after much discussion, it was decided to discontinue this singing.

Sarah Roberts led 323t as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Secretary—Glenda Collins

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SACRED HARP SINGING

Seabold Hall, Bainbridge Island, Washington

Saturday, April 13, 2024

The Bainbridge Island All-Day Singing was called to order by Kevin Barrans leading 111t. John Wiens gave the opening prayer. The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Kevin Barrans; Treasurer—Emma Swartz; Secretary—Peter Schinske; Arranging Committee—Laura McMurray and Bob Schinske; Chaplain—John Wiens.

Leaders: Kristofer Ilex 82t; Emma Swartz 176b; Nicole Scott 101t; Bob Schinske and Sam Coxon 68b; Ian Suchon 72b; Doug Hill 47b; Julia Zaffarano 547; Andrew Cooley 159; Sara Hayward and Carolyn Deacy 276; Lauren Heidt and Kristofer Ilex 282; Dana Steege-Jackson 277; David Schmitt 569b; Peter Abrahamsen 268; Rosie Sokolov 217; Caroline Helmecci 179.

RECESS

Sadhbh O'Flynn called the class back to order leading 56t. Leaders: David Wright 326; Steve Luttinen 74t; Evangeline Nelsen, Kelsey Nelsen, and Kristofer Ilex 186; Peter Schinske 155; Thom Fahrbach 460 (for Kelly Kennedy, Autumn, and Ken); Karen Willard 564; Jamie Dawson 74b; Edouard Beaudry 188; Lindy Groening 182; John Berendzen 396; John Wiens 522; Chris Noren 263 (for Pat Coghlan).

RECESS

Thom Fahrbach called the class back to order leading 399b. Leaders: Claire Hogan 332; Mike Rasmussen and Laura Summerhays 236; Jenna Tompkins 532; Sadhbh O'Flynn 542; Paul Large-Chamberlain 498; Tamara Wallace 163b; Sean MacPherson 213b; Betsy Jeronen 330b; Kim Lusk and Kevin Barrans 55 (in memory of Tahini Barrans-Lusk); Kevin Barrans 434; Laura McMurray 512 (in memory of Jeff Begley); Kristofer Ilex 492 (for Pat Coghlan); Emma Swartz 89; Caroline Helmecci 224; Ian Suchon 383; Karen Willard 485 (for Ted Johnson); Peter Schinske 454. John Wiens gave the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Ian Suchon called the class back to order leading 270. Leaders: Nicole Scott 122; Julia Zaffarano 440; Steve Luttinen 372; John Wiens 56b; Carolyn Deacy 212 (for Pat Coghlan, Jeff Begley, and Ted Johnson); David Schmitt 216; David Wright 191;

Lindy Groening 214; Mike Rasmussen 377; Sadhbh O'Flynn 506; Sean MacPherson 271t; Claire Hogan 505; Edouard Beaudry 245; Carrie Walker 318; Jenna Tompkins 551; Chris Noren 187; Bob Schinske 456; Paul Large-Chamberlain 32t; Betsy Jeronen 422; Rosie Sokolov 337; Jamie Dawson 423; Thom Fahrback 177.

RECESS

Peter Abrahamsen called the class back to order leading 45t. Leaders: Andrew Cooley 312b; Doug Hill 313b; Kevin Barrans 376; Dana Steege-Jackson 58; Tamara Wallace 344; Laura McMurray 39t; Peter Abrahamsen 38b; Steve Luttinen 399t; Sadhbh O'Flynn 274t; David Schmitt 448t; Julia Zaffarano 378b; Mike Rasmussen 481; John Wiens 81t.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The treasurer reported that expenses were met. The Secretary announced fifty-eight singers, from seven states and British Columbia, singing eighty-five tunes. The resolutions committee, David Schmitt and Julia Zaffarano, thanked the officers and volunteers. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Kevin Barrans led 348b as the closing song, while the class took the parting hand. John Wiens offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kevin Barrans; Secretary—Peter Schinske

STATELINE SINGING

Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia Saturday, April 13, 2024

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Stateline was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Pam Nunn leading 40. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Pam Nunn 186; Rene Greene 146, 112; Judy Caudle 101t, 119; Bert Collins 97, 35; Winfred Kerr 36b, 225t; Helen Bryson 313b, 522; Cecil Roberts 37b; Glenda Collins 76b, 454; Jack Nelson 399b, 560.

RECESS

Pam Nunn brought the class back together by leading 32t (in memory of Evelyn Harris, Carlene Griffin, and Charlene Wallace). Leaders: Reba Windom 155; Paul Lindholm 419, 283; Nathan Rees 227 (for Karen Rollins), 413 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Virginia Landgraf 125, 312t; Matt Hinton 299, 297; Tammy Heinsohn 159, 142; Robert Kelly 421, 85; Judy Mincey 475, 474; Sharon DuPriest 212, 313t. Cecil Roberts asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Pam Nunn leading 365. Leaders: Rene Greene 208; Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 216; Winfred Kerr 59, 77b; Glenda Collins 77t, 99; Matt Hinton 391, 351; Tammy Heinsohn 503; Robert Kelly 331, 176t; Judy Mincey 180, 501; Paul Lindholm 315, 564; Judy Caudle 389, 403; Cecil Roberts 410t (for Barbara Brooks), 33b; Virginia Landgraf 70b, 547; Bert Collins 148, 542; Nathan Rees 325; Sharon DuPriest 318, 300; Jack Nelson 504, 358; Pam Nunn, Rene Greene, and Reba Windom 269. Announcements were made.

Pam Nunn led 46 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Pam Nunn; Chairman—Rene Greene; Secretary—Judy Caudle

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN / ANN ARBOR SINGING

Burton Memorial Tower, Ann Arbor, Michigan Saturday, April 13, 2024

The 6th annual University of Michigan/Ann Arbor All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April, after a hiatus of four years caused by the

Covid pandemic. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mark Clague leading 146. Jeremy York offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Anne Missavage 171; Catherine Brown 350; Marian Mitchell 107; Cecelia Kramer 377; Bob Borcharding 79; Jeremy York 126; Grey Grant 178; Idy Kiser 110; Hannah Resnick 122; Martha Beverly 318; Anne Missavage 203; Catherine Brown 84; Marian Mitchell 436; Cecelia Kramer and Jess Johnson 39t; Jeremy York 481; Bob Borcharding 403; Grey Grant 455; Mark Clague 148.

RECESS

Mark Clague called the class back to order leading 47b. Leaders: Idy Kiser 172; Hannah Resnick 42; Martha Beverly 189; Anne Missavage 383; Catherine Brown 313b; Marian Mitchell 547; Cecelia Kramer 464; Bob Borcharding 332; Jeremy York 68b; Idy Kiser 32t; Hannah Resnick 344; Martha Beverly 546; Mark Clague 504. Jeremy York offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

The singing resumed with Mark Clague leading 66. Leaders: Anne Missavage 313t; Marian Mitchell 200; Catherine Brown 38b; Cecelia Kramer 71; Bob Borcharding 300; Jeremy York 282; Grey Grant 442; Hannah Resnick 114; Martha Beverly 536; Anne Missavage 47t; Catherine Brown 168; Marian Mitchell 288; Cecelia Kramer 191; Bob Borcharding 120; Jeremy York 369; Grey Grant 186; Hannah Resnick 277; Martha Beverly 348b.

The memorial lesson was led by Catherine Brown. Cecelia Kramer led 143 for the sick and shut-ins and Marian Mitchell led 48t in memory of the deceased. Mark Clague led 183.

RECESS

The class resumed singing with Bob Borcharding leading 155. Leaders: Anne Missavage 276; Catherine Brown 34b; Marian Mitchell 362; Cecelia Kramer 444; Jeremy York 569b; Grey Grant 270; Hannah Resnick 299. Chairman Mark Clague called for announcements. Jeremy York offered the closing prayer. Mark Clague led 347 as singers took the parting hand at 3:10pm.

Chairman—Mark Clague; Vice Chairman—Jeremy York; Secretary—Charlotte Wolfe

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Ider, Alabama

Sunday, April 14, 2024

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Hayden Wootten and Aaron Wootten leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Hayden Wootten and Aaron Wootten 49t; Blake Sisemore 99; Stephen Miller 163b; Daniel Lee 106; Daniel Williams 536; Susan Lee 349; Tom George 79; Bill DuPre 501; Calum Woods 370; Ethan Eddins 77t; Samuel Williams 474; David Carlton 332; Sharon DuPriest 546; Teresa Saylor and David Saylor 203; Abigail Cannon 39t; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Kevin Eddins and Dana Eddins 162; Deborah Taube 32t; Tony Ivey and Scott Ivey 480.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Hayden Wootten and Aaron Wootten leading 101t. Leaders: Alex Forsyth 337; Tom Owen 176b; Lilly Underwood 348b; Eli Eddins 385t; Phil Townson, Danette Townson, Raven Farrow, Tate Farrow, Dani Henshaw, Caleb Henshaw, Cooper Henshaw, David Townson, Sherry Townson, Chase Townson, and Addi Townson 463 (CB), 68b; Loyd Ivey 424; Lisa Geist 273. Jared Wootten and Shane Wootten conducted the memorial lesson. Shane spoke using poetry from the tunes “China” and “To Die No More”. The following names of sick and shut-ins were read aloud: Mel Kersey, Mike Hinton, Earl Ballinger,

Beverly Thompson, Venetta Wootten, Margaret Keeton, Ed Thacker, and Margaret Thacker. The following list of names of the deceased was read: John Van Duzer and Alfred Saussotte—Colorado; Jeff Begley—California; Wendy Morton—Tennessee; Claudene Townson, Tommy Spurlock, Jimmy Haynes, Chita Blakeley—Alabama; Rex Miller—Kansas; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Becky Browne—Missouri; Imogene Lawrence, and Christian. Shane Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Phil Summerlin led 111b. Jared Wootten closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Matt Hinton and Caleb Hightower 448t; Emily Eddins and Edith Eddins 133; David Lee 74b; Terry Wootten 505 (CB); Sarah George 451; Reba Windom 542; Stacy Pilcher and Susan Pilcher 196; Linda Sides 277; Jerry Turlington 159; Linda Thomas 499; Phil Summerlin 30t; Anna Hinton 383; Luke Strickland and Evie Strickland 157; Jeremy Wootten 39b.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Aaron Wootten and Hayden Wootten leading 40. Leaders: Sybil Adams and Pam Wilkerson 472, 63; Ewan Eddins 34b; Gabriel Rice 178; Elam Eddins 89; Ezra Eddins 378b; Jenny Mann “Sweet Beulah Land”, 147b; Colby Brown and Kennedy Brown, and boys, Dewayne Wootten, and Cole Wootten 445; Cole Wootten, Colby Brown, and Kennedy Brown 30b; David Lee, Alissa Eiesland, and Devin Scherck 49b; Phin Hammond 488b (CB); Daryl Chesney 146; Shane Wootten, Ben Classens, Luther Connor, Robin Smith, Tyler, Beth, and family 449 (CB); Racheal Geary 426t; Prisca Rice 523; Shane Brown 114; Sarah Wootten, Aaron Wootten, and Caroline Wootten 460; James Eldridge 500; Isaac Boggs, Elijah Boggs, Clayton Boggs, and Joseph Boggs 108b; Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Marty Wootten 47b; Shane Wootten, Donna Wootten, and Anna Oliver 318; Annie Grace Wootten 354b; Dixie Carter and Sandy Ivey 421; Joyce Morton and Rodney Ivey 384; Terry Wootten, Patricia Wootten, Marty Wootten, and Amanda “Pass Me Not”.

Aaron Wootten and Hayden Wootten led 62 as the closing song. Chris Boggs offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Aaron Wootten and Hayden Wootten; Secretaries—Cheyenne Ivey and Anna Oliver

OLD COUNTY LINE CHURCH SINGING

Corner, Jefferson County, Alabama

Sunday, April 14, 2024

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Yancey Jett leading 30t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Yancey Jett 89; Danny Creel 217, 215; Ken Tate 460 (for Lucy Heidorn), 73t (in memory of Edith Tate); Mike Hankins 59, 168; Warren Steel 392, 211; Emily Stutzman 88t, 371; Jeff James 145t, 146; Buell Cobb 26, 92; Butch White 86, 535; Nathan Rees 103, 187; Jackie Tanner 101t, 298.

RECESS

Cassie Allen led 100 to bring the class together. Leaders: Amber Davis 436, 380; Larry Brasher 47t, 82t; Larry Ballinger 224, 151; David Jackson 499, 235; Virginia Landgraf 372, 216; Nicholas Thompson 336, 182; Barrett Patton 546, 439.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Ken Tate leading 48t. Leaders: Henry McGuire 549, 532; Judy Caudle 394, 422; Chris Ballinger 177, 512; Roma Rice 321, 389; Tammy Heinsohn 178, 155; Elene Stovall 528, 316; David Smead 477, 222. Ken Tate asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cassie Allen leading 131b. Leaders: Stefani Priskos 406, 203; Louise Yeager 276, 112; Ainslie Allen 498, 475; Lisa Bennett 331, 283 (for Earl Ballinger); Sarah Whites-Koditschek 183, 448b; Wanda Capps 299, 200; Danny Creel 383, 269; David Heidorn 99; Ann Jett 327, 141; Cassie Allen 358 (for Mrs. Brock); Warren Steel 179; Cindy Tanner and Barrett Patton 220, 198; Barrett Patton and Shelley Calvert 405; Virginia Landgraf 485; Tammy Heinsohn 547; Emily Stutzman 35; Henry McGuire 157; Lisa Bennett 171; Nathan Rees 440; David Smead 172; Cassie Allen, Ainslie Allen, Shelley Calvert, and Emma Calvert 342 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Cassie Allen 442. Announcements were made. Cassie Allen and Yancey Jett led 323t as the closing song. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Cassie Allen; Vice Chairman—Yancey Jett; Secretary—Ainslie Allen

MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING
Union Primitive Baptist Church, Johnstownville, Georgia
Saturday, April 20, 2024

The 19th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Bill DuPre welcomed the class and led 32t. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer. A business session was held, and the class voted to elect the following officers: Chairman—Bill DuPre; Vice Chairman—Lisa Bennett; Secretary—David Smead.

Leaders: Bill DuPre 229; John Plunkett 93, 90; Lisa Bennett 34t (for Beverly Thompson and Pat Coghlan), 83b; David Smead 378t, 92; Daniel Williams 510, 503; Samuel Williams 274b, 326; Glenda Collins 282, 283; Bert Collins 274t, 63; Michael Spencer 278t, 531; Oscar McGuire 171, 155 (in memory of Charlene Wallace).

RECESS

Leaders: Bill DuPre 31t, 475; John Plunkett 371, 416; Lisa Bennett 329, 405; Samuel Williams 539; David Smead 401, 400; Daniel Williams 74t, 448t; Glenda Collins 105, 290; Bert Collins 35, 542; Michael Spencer 499; Oscar McGuire 163b (in memory of Bentley McGuire). Daniel Williams offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill DuPre called the class to order leading 122. Leaders: John Plunkett 459, 458; Lisa Bennett 418, 419; Samuel Williams 26, 320; David Smead 240, 288; Daniel Williams 38b, 131t; Glenda Collins 99, 98; Bert Collins 300, 340; Michael Spencer 467, 354t; Oscar McGuire 515, 34b. After announcements, Bill DuPre led 148. Lisa Bennett led 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bill DuPre, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill DuPre; Vice Chairman—Lisa Bennett; Secretary—David Smead

RHODE ISLAND SINGING
Providence, Rhode Island
Saturday, April 20, 2024

The eighteenth session of the Rhode Island All-Day Singing was held at Providence Friends Meeting on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Deidra Montgomery leading 33b. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Liz Cantrell 52t; Mike Richards 42; Margaret Hughes 101b; David Durstewitz 122; Charles Biada 50t; John Hughes 37b; William Schuller 112; Kerry Cullinan 66; Rachel Hall 497; Wendy Sibbison 220; Owen Stoddard 36b; Molly B. Ellis 270; Jazmine Mendoza 299; Erin Fulton 280.

RECESS

Tarik Wareh led 30t to bring the class together. Leaders: Linda Shea 203; Kelly House 475; Marie Brandis 142; Kate Bergren 556; Jocelyn Kurtze 84; Carole

Crompton 288; Robert Stoddard 200; Jeremy Galvagni 29t; Matthew Leger-Small 360; Chris Bracken 157; Isabel Linhares 551; Michaela Natal 35; Tarik Wareh 371; Magdalena Zapadowska 216; Dan Harper 268; Tom Padwa 515; Alec Collins 480.
RECESS

Charles Biada led 67 to bring the class together. Leaders: Eric Beecher 448t; Gabriel Zuckerberg 274t; Joseph Dunn 335; Sage Chase-Dempsey 425; Anuhea Sebstad 95; Elizabeth Stoddard 57; Allison Steele 315; Elsa Phemayotin 376; Elea Regembal 351; Holly Long 527; Erika Wilson 391; Mike Richards 146; Joann DeVoe 31t; Jacob Hamidi 83t; Martin Hamilton 72t; Gwen Gethner 179; Wendy Sibbison 546; Andrew Daube 87. Liz Cantrell offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Gwen Gethner leading 81t. Leaders: Pippa Stoddard 134; Bridge Hill Kennedy 440; Jenny Brown 411; Peter Pate 269; Jazmine Mendoza 500; Owen Stoddard 564; Charles Biada 460; Allison Steele 542; Holly Long 426t; Isabel Linhares & Michaela Natal 457; Linda Shea 384; Elea Regembal 172; Sage Chase-Dempsey 183; Marie Brandis 534; Rachel Hall 528; Matthew Leger-Small 454; Robert Stoddard 383; Anuhea Sebstad 282; Elsa Phemayotin 445.
RECESS

Kelly House led 68b to bring the class together. Leaders: William Schuller 153; Jacob Hamidi 404; Erika Wilson 102; Donna Carlson and Kerry Cullinan 342; Tarik Wareh 389; Bridge Hill Kennedy 168; Alec Collins 567; Peter Pate 365; Elea Regembal, Dani Tardif, and Chloe Martin 209; Magdalena Zapadowska 40; Chris Bracken 215; Carson Evans 339; Erin Fulton and Kerry Cullinan 413; Elizabeth Stoddard 399b; Laura Hodges 82t; Gwen Gethner 56t; Jeremy Galvagni 131b; Kate Bergren 217; Dan Harper 276; Margaret Hughes and Martin Hamilton 201.

The Treasurer reported all expenses were met. The Secretary reported that ninety-three songs were led by fifty-seven leaders from eleven states and one Canadian province.

Deidra Montgomery led 129 as the closing song. Liz Cantrell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Deidra Montgomery; Secretary—Christopher Kain

NEW HAVEN SINGING **Connecticut Hall, New Haven, Connecticut** **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

The 2024 New Haven All-Day Singing was held in Connecticut Hall on the campus of Yale University. Gwen Gethner called the class to order leading 38t. Mary Beth Mills-Curran gave the opening prayer. Leaders: Jocelyn Kurtze 171; Charles Biada 37b; Marie Brandis 212; Michaela Natal 32t; Jeremy Picker 547; Rachel Farber 187; Ernest Chamberlain 142; Calvin Robertson and Ernest Chamberlain 285t; Nancy Mandel 313t; Holly Laws 472; William Schuller 100; Sam Dembling 569b; Margaret Youngberg 76b; Jessalyn Miller 324; Owen Stoddard 102; Gary Ryan 74b; Christopher Kain 467; Keillor Mose 30t.

RECESS

Rachel Hall called the class back to order leading 106. Leaders: Ian Quinn 228; Jasmine Mendoza 99; Rob Arbelo 183; Rachel Farber 72b; Mark Bedard 335; Ryan Courtney 410t; Elsa Phemayotin 82t; Joel Rosen 270; Kevin Beirne 411; Solon Gordon 101t.

Bridge Kennedy led 34t after speaking for the following sick and shut-ins: Kent McDonald, Inez Innis, Coronne Bryant, RuthAnn Bryant, Cindy Bean, Jim Bean, Pat Callahan, Ron Trial, Jane Trial, Dan Phemayotin, Joanne Fuller, David Fuller, Ann Schluter, Debbie Hall, James Baumgartner, and Mike Hinton.

Pippa Stoddard led 330b after speaking in memory of the following deceased: Tommie Spurlock and Gaston White—Alabama; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Jeff Begley—California; Burton Hatheway—Connecticut; Melanie Hauff—Illinois; Joan Sheldon—Maine; Michael Greene and Ron Woodland—Massachusetts; Joyce Chu Howe—New Jersey; Charlotte Ehrman, Yukon Grody, and Chuck Lubochinski—New York; Karin Wilson and Norman Wilson—Pennsylvania; Kris Malfait—Belgium; Eileen Ashford and Réal Tardif—Canada; Eva Striebeck—Germany. Mary Beth Mills-Curran closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Sam Kleinman 214; Deidra Montgomery 456; Alec Collins 47b; Robert Stoddard 392. Mary Beth Mills-Curran gave a blessing; and the class was dismissed for lunch.

LUNCH

Allison Steel called the class back to order leading 384. Leaders: Carol Huang 399b; Will Harron 198; Korey Guerrieri 348b; Alanna Goodman 564; Erika Wilson 560; Bridge Hill Kennedy 377; Jason Steidl Jack 496; Elizabeth Stoddard 423; Christina Foley 500; Peter Pate 163b; John Hughes 344; Chris Bracken 328; Colleen Hayes 245; Hollie Long 345t; Crispin Youngberg 506; Eléa Regemba 65; Isabel Linhares 112; Benjamin Fenton 360; Liz Cantrell 569t; Douglas Fower 299.

RECESS

Ernest Chamberlain called the class back to order leading 56b. Leaders: Kobi Bordoley 313b; Dani Tardif and Rachel Farber 275t; Pippa Stoddard 370; Sage Chase-Dempsey 162; Micah John Walter 448t; Rachel Hall 430; Tarik Wareh 359; Sarah Underhill 33b; Michael Ipsen 49t; R. Anuhea Sebstad 178; Kerry Cullinan 122; Jacob Stebly 417; Allison Steel 29t; Deidra Montgomery, John Hughes, Liz Cantrell, and Christopher Kain 318.

Reports were given and resolutions were made. One hundred four registered singers were in attendance, representing twelve states, Quebec, and France. Gwen Gethner, Jocelyn Kurtze, Charles Biada, and Rachel Farber led 62, and the class took the parting hand. Mary Beth Mills-Curran closed with a blessing, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Gwen Gethner; Vice Chairperson—Jocelyn Kurtze; Secretary—Charles Biada

OLD HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING **Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama** **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Winfred Kerr leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Glenda Collins.

Leaders: Winfred Kerr 77b, 225t; Oscar McGuire 34b, 37b, 452; Glenda Collins 32t, 445 (in memory of Ann Simpson), 76b; Barbara Brooks 33b, 89, 119; Judy Chambless 472 (for the Rollins family), 354b (in memory of Ann Simpson, Stanly Edwards, and Bentley McGuire); Cecil Roberts 340, 358 (for Cynthia Otilla McElroy Warren), 312b (in memory of Aunt Lois Bowman and Jenette Laminack); Winfred Kerr 146 (in memory of Rebecca Over); Charlotte Bishop 335, 268, 294; Bert Collins 35, 63, 542; Sawyer Lett and Tina Lett 72b, 445, 159; Robert Chambless 369, 55, 303; Oscar McGuire 58; Winfred Kerr 282, 283 (in memory of Rebecca Over); Glenda Collins 155 (in memory of Evelyn Harris and family), 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 229. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 565, 516; Robert Chambless 84, 75; Glenda Collins 100, 101t; Barbara Brooks 83t, 235; Bert Collins 142, 318; Tina Lett and Sawyer Lett 378t, 145b; Charlotte Bishop 143, 229 (CB). Announcements were made.

Winfred Kerr led 62 as the closing song. Judy Chambless offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Glenda Collins

PINE GROVE CHURCH

Collinsville, Alabama

Sunday, April 21, 2024

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey leading 82t. Shane Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Scot Oliver 100; Rodney Ivey 64; Judy Caudle 411; Buell Cobb 50t; Jared Wootten 75; Jerry Turlington 129; David Smead 128; Shane Brown 148; Daniel Lee 106; Paula Oliver 217; Blake Sisemore 187; Alanna Blanks 405; Cassie Allen 58 (in memory of Boyd Scott).

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Rodney Ivey leading 270. Leaders: Tom George 184; Eric Blanks 496; Joyce Morton 76b; Donna Wootten 314 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Stanley Smith 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Lisa Bennett 61; Susan Lee 56b; Larry Brasher 385b; Bill DuPre 512; Shelby Castillo 500; Reba Windom 186 (in memory of Barrett Ashley); Marty Wootten 36b (in memory of Lamar Smith); Sarah George 208 (in memory of Darrell Swarens); Nathan Rees 101t; Shane Wootten 108b (in memory of S.T. Reed); Jamey Wootten 108t; Rodney Ivey 282 (for David Knight); Daniel Williams 567; Arleigh Beard, Emma Blanks, and Alanna Blanks 384 (in memory of Bud Oliver); Layla Slaughter and Paula Oliver 354b; Hank Oliver 59; Rodney Ivey 312b (in memory of Norma Green). Bill DuPre asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Paula Oliver leading 42. Leaders: Cassie Allen 300; David Smead 272; Stanley Smith 349; Blake Sisemore 73t (in memory of Bud Oliver); Reba Windom 318 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Shane Wootten 156; Shane Brown 183; Judy Caudle 426t (for Loyd Ivey, Louise Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, and in memory of Hobart Ivey and Tommie Spurlock); Daniel Lee 65; Jamey Wootten 317; Nathan Rees 338; Marty Wootten 164; Paula Oliver and Layla Slaughter 540; Jerry Turlington 288; Samuel Williams 353; Sarah George 447; Buell Cobb 131b; Eric Blanks and Emma Blanks 480; Larry Brasher 47t; Shelby Castillo, Reba Windom, Avery, and Paisley 340; Lisa Bennett 172; Jared Wootten 283; Joyce Morton 155; Donna Wootten 274t; Bill DuPre 86; Susan Lee 107; Tom George 145t; Samuel Williams 569t; Hank Oliver 159; Shane Wootten 268 (for David Knight).

Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 146 as the closing song. Jerry Turlington offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Scot Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Caudle

ATLANTA SACRED HARP SINGING

Westside Park Pavilion, Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, April 27, 2024

The fifth annual Atlanta Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Andy Ditzler leading 49t. Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Andy Ditzler; Vice Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretary—David Smead; Treasurer—Lisa Bennett; Arranging Officer—David Brodeur.

Leaders: Andy Ditzler 134 (for Susan Archie in memory of Janet Smith); Bill DuPre 32t, 475 (in memory of Leigh DuPre); David Brodeur 38b (International lesson with the East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention, where Hannah Land led the same song at the same time); David Smead 52b, 389; Shawn Taylor 100, 101t; Lisa Bennett 168, 272; Abigail Cannon 42, 277; Phillip Langley 110; Lily Hammond 472; Esther Morgan-Ellis and Mary Clare DeReuil 114; Karen Edwards 290; Cathy Bonk 117; Bill Hollingsworth 489; Dan Edwards 497.

RECESS

Jerusha Wheeler brought the class back to order by leading 276. Leaders: Christy Sinksen 448t; Lauren Bock 286; Jose Camacho and Erick Rubio 183; Julia Zaffarano 47b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 448b; Steve Luttimen 39b; Nathan Rees 64; Stephanie Fida 344; Judy Mincey 464; Esther Morgan-Ellis 414 (for the upcoming college graduation of Abigail Cannon and Lily Hammond); John Plunkett 141; Abigail Cannon 208; Bill Hollingsworth 250; Jose Martinez 323b; Lily Hammond 178; Lisa Bennett and David Brodeur 56b; Phillip Langley 399b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 458; Karen Edwards 383; Jerusha Wheeler 107.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Abigail Cannon leading 30t. Leaders: Christy Sinksen 29t; Judy Mincey and Jimmy Hardy 291; Steve Luttimen 198; Jose Camacho 410t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 192; Stephanie Fida 372; Sasha Hsuczyk 56t; Bill Hollingsworth 180; Mark Davis 556; Jesse P. Karlsberg 371; Julia Zaffarano 430; Esther Morgan-Ellis 300 (for Yawen Li); Lisa Davis 200; Lauren Bock and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 46; Lily Hammond 282; Nathan Rees 382; Dan Edwards 203; John Plunkett 466; Stephanie Fida 500; Cathy Bonk 128; Steve Luttimen 375; Mark Davis 481; Julia Zaffarano 455; Bridge Hill Kennedy 142; Jose Camacho 384; Esther Morgan-Ellis 240; Andy Ditzler 454. After announcements, Andy Ditzler led 521 as the closing song. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Andy Ditzler; Vice Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretary—David Smead

E. T. WHITE MEMORIAL

Valley Grove Community Center, Cullman, Alabama

Saturday, April 27, 2024

The first E. T. White Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Butch White leading 34b and 547. Butch offered opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Arranging Committee—Beth Branscome; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 349, 176t; Beth Branscome 47t, 503; Theresa Westmoreland 27, 44; Buell Cobb 72b, 127; Nancy Phillips 146, 282; Hazel Heinze 438, 347; Lori Keeton 45t, 63; Leanne Carter 59, 300.

RECESS

Butch White called the class to order leading 68b. Leaders: Beth Branscome 52t; Glenn Keeton 361; Theresa Westmoreland 43 (in memory of Richard Mauldin); Buell Cobb 303; Nancy Phillips 268; Hazel Heinze 145t; Leanne Carter 276; Lori Keeton 277. Glenn Keeton offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Butch White called the class to order leading 37b and 47b. Leaders: Beth Branscome 36b, 178; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 472, 84; Joyce White 481, 480; Theresa Westmoreland 39b, 47t; Nancy Phillips 274b, 275b; Glenn Keeton 278t, 278b; Lori Keeton 274t, 426b; Buell Cobb 129; Leanne Carter 128, 39t; Hazel Heinze 86, 569b; Beth Branscome 162; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 313b, 535; Butch White 287; Lori Keeton 568; Leanne Carter 74t; Hazel Heinze 515; Theresa Westmoreland 299. Butch White led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton.

Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland

OLIVER KINDIG-STOKES MEMORIAL SINGING

HBIC Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Saturday, April 27, 2024

The 7th annual Oliver Kindig-Stokes Memorial Singing was held at HBIC Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Ruth Wampler Hissong leading 394, followed by Ruth Wampler Hissong and Dennis Hissong leading 475. Dennis Hissong offered the opening prayer.

During a brief business meeting, the following officers were appointed: Chairman—Joyce Forry; Vice Chairman—Jeff Shenk; Treasurer—Tom Stokes.

Leaders: Joyce Forry 101t, 354b; Jeff Shenk 39t, 569b; Tom Stokes 100, 335; Elizabeth Patton 467, 367; Lyn Koehline 59, 73b; Molly Sauder 178, 155; Pete Sandeen 47b, 163b; Hollie Long 72t (for Lou Long), 34t.

RECESS

Hayden Arp led 345t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Korey Guerrieri 61, 340; Jonathan Kadar-Kallen 225b, 362; Doe Lowinger 162, 40; Ted Stokes 60, 112; Rachel Farber 111b, 418; Matthew Kaufmann 170, 84; Sophie Sokolov 48t (for Jo'an Dunn), 379.

RECESS

Molly Sauder led 282 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Tom Stokes 486; Thomas Ward 68b; Rachel Hall 498; Greg Holt 123t; Lindsey Falbo 56b; Blake Sisemore 411; Susan Loucks and Sam Adioetomo 122; Kevin Griffin Moreno 566 (in memory of Don Goodson); Hayden Arp 436; Jessica Keyes 270; Kyle Johnston 317; Matt Drumheller 383; Ben Cocchiaro 182; Elizabeth Patton 120; Joyce Forry 500; Jeff Shenk 283; Lyn Koehline 81t. Dennis Hissong asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Ruth Wampler Hissong led 279 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Thomas Ward 30t; Blake Sisemore 426t; Jessica Keyes 384; Ted Stokes and Jeff Geib 49t; Rachel Hall 396; James Griffin 547; Susan Loucks and Sam Adioetomo 454; Kevin Griffin Moreno 99; Lindsey Falbo 38b; Hayden Arp 292; Sophie Sokolov 204; Matt Drumheller 448t; Kyle Johnston 448b; Molly Sauder 455; Greg Holt 391; Ben Cocchiaro 497; Rachel Farber 426b; Pete Sandeen 288. Tom Stokes gave the treasurer's report, saying all expenses were met.

RECESS

James Griffin led 128 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Robin Betz 504; Korey Guerrieri 441; Ruth Wampler Hissong and Dennis Hissong 318; Matt Kaufmann 129; Rachel Hall 542; Hollie Long 30b; Doe Lowinger 69t; Jessica Keyes 472; Blake Sisemore 556; Rachel Farber 89; Thomas Ward 95; Tom Stokes 192; Ted Stokes 227.

Elizabeth Patton gave the secretary's report, stating that forty-eight singers from five states were registered, and thirty-five leaders led eighty-five songs.

Jeff Shenk led 425 as the closing song. Ted Stokes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Joyce Forry; Vice Chairman—Jeff Shenk; Secretary—Elizabeth Patton

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SACRED HARP SINGING
Stanley B Catlett Music Center, Norman, Oklahoma
Saturday, April 27, 2024

The inaugural University of Oklahoma Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Orchestra Room of the Stanley B Catlett Music Center on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, Oklahoma. Prior to the start of the singing, Dr. Stuart Ivey taught an introductory singing school and Donald Ross gave a lesson on the traditions of Sacred Harp. Ainsley Ross then welcomed the class and called the class together leading 59. Leaders: Allison Langston 106; Bo Cochran 155; Brian McKee 452; Brody Ross 454; Caden Chase 312b; Casey Gerber 29t; Cory Winters 497; Diane Ross 455; Donald Ross 183; Erin Ranta 349; Kelsey Hayes 457; Kendal Mabry 145t; Larkin Ross 146; Leland Ross 294; Lily Campbell and Diane Ross 354t; Megan Austin 207; Mitch Waggoner 334; Owen Ross 546; Rachel Chapman 192; Rick Foreman 492; Ryan Ross 99; Stuart Ivey 472; Tom Owen 163b; Will Hildebrand and Ainsley Ross 176b; Ainsley Ross 503; Allison Langston 203; Brian McKee 300; Cory Winters 182; Donald Ross 475.

LUNCH

Caden Chase brought the class back together leading 64. Leaders: Ainsley Ross 542; Allison Langston 384; Bo Cochran 254; Brian McKee 280; Brody Ross 63; Caden Chase 48b; Cory Winters 112; Diane Ross 209; Donald Ross 268; Larkin Ross 40; Megan Auston 354b; Mitch Waggoner 282; Owen Ross 442; Rick Foreman 448t; Ryan Ross 196; Stuart Ivey 67; Tom Owen 47b; Will Hildebrand and Ainsley Ross 72b; Larkin Ross 299; Megan Austin 371; Owen Ross 344; Ryan Ross 31t; Stuart Ivey 378t; Tom Owen 178.

Ainsley Ross and Athena Elmer led 62 as the closing song. Owen Ross offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Ainsley Ross; Secretary—Megan Austin

EAST MIDLANDS SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Kegworth Village Hall, Nottinghamshire, United Kingdom
April 27-28, 2024
Saturday, April 27

The annual East Midlands Sacred Harp singing convention was held on the fourth weekend in April. The class was called to order by Hannah Land leading 63. John Sprackland gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joe Vickers 52b (CB); John Sprackland 503; Indigo Micciche 268; Ted Brown 97; Andy Duckering and Rosalind Oldham 47b; Helen Brown 47t; Inga Buckland 117; Joan Nagy 56b; Derek Buckland 57; Jo-anne Carlyle 448b; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 33t; Claire Welford 365 (CB), 99; John Sprackland 178; Helen Brown 54t (CB).

RECESS

Rosalind Oldham and Daniel Oldham brought the class to order leading 573 (CB). Leaders: Inga Buckland 68t (CB); Ted Brown 113 (CB); Joe Vickers 163 (CB); Joan Nagy 504; Hannah Land 38t (CB); Derek Buckland 284; Jo-anne Carlyle 29t; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 36b; Claire Welford 35 (CB); Helen Brown 511b (CB); John Sprackland 73b; Indigo Micciche 42; Ted Brown 35, 39 (CB); Hannah Land 559 (CB).

RECESS

Derek Buckland brought the class to order leading 122. Leaders: Inga Buckland 72t; Jo-anne Carlyle 313b; Oisín Kidson-Ireland 542; Claire Welford 475; Emily Verrier 339; John Sprackland 463 (CB); Indigo Micciche 112 (CB); Ted Brown 81t; Hannah Land 198; Derek Buckland 79; Helen Brown 142; Jo-anne Carlyle 40. Joe Vickers gave the grace.

LUNCH

Emily Verrier brought the class to order leading 56t. Leaders: Hannah Land 49t; Inga Buckland 430; Oisín Kidson-Ireland 189; Claire Welford 181; Joan Nagy 299; Indigo Micciche 300; John Sprackland 454; Ted Brown 546; Jo-anne Carlyle 287; Derek Buckland 294; Joe Vickers 510 (CB); Oisín Kidson-Ireland 495; Inga Buckland 324; Claire Welford 133 (CB); Mick Verrier 276; John Sprackland 448t; Emily Verrier 344; Joan Nagy 86; Indigo Micciche 277; Derek Buckland 567.

RECESS

Claire Welford called the class to order leading 34t. Leaders: Oisín Kidson-Ireland 460; Inga Buckland 547; Hannah Land 522 (CB); Joe Vickers 504 (CB); Emily Verrier 227; John Sprackland 114; Indigo Micciche 383; Claire Welford 274b (CB); Mick Verrier 209; Derek Buckland 406; Hannah Land 38b (joint lesson with the Atlanta Sacred Harp Singing where David Brodeur led the same song at the same time); Joan Nagy 523; Oisín Kidson-Ireland 587 (CB). Hannah Land led 323t. Rob Mahoney dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, April 28

Hannah Land called the class to order leading 30t (CB) and giving the opening prayer. Leaders: Emily Verrier 171; Ted Brown 72b; Oisín Kidson-Ireland 37b; Rachel Jordan 492; Derek Buckland 207; Joan Nagy 77t; Nick Hall 503 (CB); Jo-anne Carlyle 49b; Phil Tyler 191; Indigo Micciche 203; Toby Goss 63; Sheila Girling-Macadam 71; Inga Buckland 420; Mick Verrier 163t; Claire Welford 571 (CB); Edwin Macadam 273.

RECESS

Phil Tyler brought the class to order leading 270 (CB). Leaders: Emily Verrier 178 (for Margaret Jones); Rachel Jordan 38t; Rob Mahoney 535; Helen Brown 349; Connie Bakdini and Lottie Sumner 146; Nick Hall 511t (CB); Hannah Land 524 (CB); Toby Goss 133 (CB); Sheila Girling-Macadam 243b (CB); Oisín Kidson-Ireland 319; Ted Brown 391; Jo-anne Carlyle 354t.

RECESS

Indigo Micciche brought the class to order leading 183. Leaders: Claire Welford 384; Nick Hall 452.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Oisín Kidson-Ireland and Hannah Land. Hannah spoke for the sick and housebound and led 465 (CB) for the following: Neil Steadman, Dan Hertzler, Chris Coombs, Beverly Thompson, Betty Cox, Uschi Nolte, Cath Tyler, John Carty, Chris Brown, Judy Whiting, and Jeannette DePoy. Oisín gave thanks for the lives of the deceased and led 288 for the following: Dave Elson, Les Johansen, P. Dan Brittain, Cathy White, Eva Striebeck, Walter Graff, Melanie Hauff, Dorothy Landskroener, Richard Mauldin, Dan Burk, Jeff Begley, Robin Dring, Mick Barlow, Martin Sheppard, Keith Pigott, and David Akhurst. The memorial lesson was closed with a prayer led by Hannah Land.

Leaders: Helen Brown 472 (in memory of P. Dan Brittain); Edwin Macadam 566; Joan Nagy 38b; Derek Buckland 267. John Baldini offered grace for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

Nick Hall brought the class to order leading 505 (CB). Leaders: Phil Tyler 486 (CB); Rachel Jordan 474; Emily Verrier 200; Toby Goss 187 (CB); Inga Buckland 55; Rob Mahoney 159; Indigo Micciche 99; Sheila Girling-Macadam 193 (for Chris

Coombs); David Moore 361; Claire Welford 532; Ted Brown 339; Oisín Kidson-Ireland 318; Joan Nagy 84; Mick Verrier 106 (CB); Edwin Macadam 236.

RECESS

Sheila Girling-Macadam brought the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: Derek Buckland 179; Nick Hall 563 (CB); Lee Dunleavy 56b; Ted Brown 426t; Phil Tyler 504 (CB); Helen Brown 225t (for Karen Rollins' family); Rachel Jordan 192; Toby Goss 161 (CB); Hannah Land 575 (CB); Emily Verrier 31t; Inga Buckland 385t; Rob Mahoney 268; Indigo Micciche 278t; David Moore 449 (CB); Claire Welford 425; Oisín Kidson-Ireland 94 (CB); Mick Verrier 132 (CB); Joan Nagy 410t. Hannah Land offered thanks to all for supporting the convention. Hannah Land led 62 as the closing song. Lee Dunleavy offered the closing prayer. Chairperson—Hannah Land; Secretaries—Joe Vickers, Emily Verrier, Margaret Gillanders, and Anna Baldini

GOLDEN GATE SINGING **Pacifica and Port Costa, California** **April 27-28, 2024** **Saturday, April 27**

The Golden Gate Double All-Day Singing was held on the fourth weekend in April. JT Harechmak brought the class to order by leading 31t. Susan Fetcho offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting, Hannah Blair and Ellen Lueck were elected as co-chairpersons. They then appointed the following slate of officers for both days: Vice Chairman—Dave Barber; Secretaries—Leah Coffin, Leigh Cooper, and Linda Selph; Treasurer—Joel Chan; Arranging Committee—Mark Godfrey, Heather Purdy, Jenny Solheim, and Maggie Zhou; Chaplains—Susan Fetcho and Sumie Arnold. The business meeting was closed.

Leaders: Hannah Blair and Ellen Lueck 171; Heather Purdy 70b; Dami Osoba 33t; Hannah Blair 312b (in memory of George Allen); Rachel O'Leary 270; Dave Barber 35; Linda Selph 475; Leigh Cooper 474 (for Arnold Zwicky); Ellen Lueck 30b; Mark Godfrey 344; Lindy Groening 351 (for Pat Coghlan); Leah Coffin 397; Paul Kostka 377; Jenny Solheim 29t; Susan Fetcho 315 (in memory of David Fetcho); Rebecca Edwards 440.

RECESS

Wren Hyde called the class back to order leading 565. Leaders: Janis Mercer 77t; Carolyn Deacy 349; Hugh McGuire 286; Inder Khalsa 272; Jim Solheim 299; Sumie Arnold 39t; JT Harechmak 38b; Aisha Morgan 135; Jeremy Knight 112; Eric Gu 56b; Shelley Phillips 58 (in memory of her father); Jamie Ross 372; Thom Fahrback 295; Bob Schinske 187; Alexander Cotton 472; Fred Wilkey 515 (in memory of Jeff Begley); Peter Schinske 505; Mitchell Gustin 86; Kevin Barrans 338.

RECESS

Rebecca Edwards called the class back to order leading 114. Leaders: Annalise Veliz 33b; Dave Barber 64; Esteban Veliz 448t; Wren Hyde 214; Ellen Lueck 500; Dami Osoba 442; Leigh Cooper 225t; Leah Coffin 287; Heather Purdy 67; Hannah Blair 51; Rachel O'Leary, Maggie Flanagan, and Evan Cabrera 215; Lindy Groening 217; Mark Godfrey 216; Linda Selph 426b; Paul Kostka 528; Susan Fetcho 464; Jenny Solheim 269. Susan Fetcho offered the blessing before dinner on the grounds.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jonathan Schor and Shelley Phillips leading 288. Leaders: Joel Chan 59; Sumie Arnold 178; Aisha Morgan and Hugh McGuire 82t; Jamie Ross 83t; Kevin Barrans 383; Mitchell Gustin 540; Carolyn Deacy 421; Peter Schinske 542; JT Harechmak 400; Thom Fahrback 483; Maggie Zhou 83b; Bob

Schinske 391; Inder Khalsa 300; Jim Solheim 378b; Fred Wilkey 236; Annalise Veliz 328; Eric Gu 532; Peter Ross 163b; Shelley Phillips 47b; Janis Mercer 324.

RECESS

Peter Schinske led 31t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Esteban Veliz 455; Jeremy Knight 436; Jonathan Schor and Heather Purdy 204; Rebecca Edwards 422; Wren Hyde 142; Joel Chan 61; Maggie Zhou 406; Alexander Cotton 40; Peter Ross and Jamie Ross 99; Jim Solheim and Mitchell Gustin 192; Aisha Morgan, Sumie Arnold, and Rachel O'Leary 501; Thom Fahrbach, Kevin Barrans, Peter Schinske, and Bob Schinske 56t; Carolyn Deacy, Linda Selph, Susan Fetcho, Shelley Phillips and Hugh McGuire 146. Announcements were made. Hannah Blair and Ellen Lueck led 347 in closing, and Susan Fetcho offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, April 28

The Sunday session of the Golden Gate Double All-Day Singing began with Hannah Blair and Ellen Lueck leading 81t. Sumie Arnold offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lindy Groening 34b; Heather Purdy 34t; JT Harechmak 276; Linda Selph 68b; Jeremy Knight 32b; Susan Fetcho 147b; Leah Coffin 108b; Lizzie Sanders 227; Dave Barber 105; Aisha Morgan 277; Mark Godfrey 283; Yarrow Syskine 162; Jim Solheim 318; Rachel O'Leary 290; Paul Kostka 334; Inder Khalsa 131t; Hannah Blair 278t; Peter Schinske 166; Carolyn Deacy 430; Sumie Arnold 207.

RECESS

Rachel O'Leary and Lucy O'Leary brought the class back to order leading 35.

Leaders: Wren Hyde 103; Jenny Solheim "Moonlight" (original composition), Jim Solheim "Tachyon or Payne's Jubilation" (original composition), Hugh McGuire 137; Jamie Ross 89; Dami Osoba 193; Kevin Barrans 482; Dill Ma 182; Shelley Phillips 504; Mitchell Gustin 503; Eric Gu 358; Pat Coghlan 492; Ellen Lueck 111b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sumie Arnold and JT Harechmak. Sumie Arnold spoke about the sick and shut-ins, read their names, and led 172. JT Harechmak spoke about the memorial lesson, read the names of the deceased, and led 65. Sumie Arnold offered a prayer to bring the memorial lesson to a close.

Leaders: Maggie Zhou 171; Leigh Cooper 212; Lucy O'Leary 528; Bob Schinske 439; Lizzie Sanders 209; Hannah Blair 454; Dave Barber 362; Inder Khalsa 313b; Paul Kostka 198; Linda Selph 172 (in memory of David Fetcho); Jeremy Knight 440; Susan Fetcho 556; Heather Purdy 319. Sumie Arnold offered a blessing before dinner on the grounds.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mark Godfrey leading 32t. Leaders: Dami Osoba 85; Mitchell Gustin 543; Hugh McGuire 79; Carolyn Deacy 485 (for Ted Johnson), Jamie Ross 37b; Peter Schinske 502; Lucy O'Leary 532; Pat Coghlan 351; Kevin Barrans 170; Ellen Lueck 112; Jenny Solheim 384; Bob Schinske 91; Wren Hyde 296; Dill Ma 547; Aisha Morgan 339; Shelley Phillips 270; Lindy Groening 201; Leah Coffin 200; Dave Barber and Leigh Cooper 196.

The business meeting was reopened and reports heard. Joel Chan, treasurer, reported that expenses were met. Maggie Zhou, secretary, reported that forty-one singers on Saturday and thirty-six singers on Sunday led one hundred sixty-two total songs. Singers came from California, Washington State, New Mexico, Oregon, and Quebec, Canada. The Resolutions committee resolved to meet at the same time of month next year. After the business meeting closed, announcements were made.

Hannah Blair and Ellen Lueck led 323t and invited singers to take the parting hand. Sumie Arnold dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairpersons—Hannah Blair and Ellen Lueck; Vice Chairman—Dave Barber;

Secretaries—Leigh Cooper, Leah Coffin, and Linda Selph

RUSK COUNTY CONVENTION
Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas
April 27-28, 2024

Saturday, April 27

The 15th annual Rusk County Convention met Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April at Old Pine Grove Church near Henderson, Texas. The tune book for Saturday was the 2012 Revision of *The B.F. White Sacred Harp* (Cooper Book). Chris Nicholson called the class to order by leading 47t (CB). Elder Robert Vaughn offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Joseph Sherer; Vice Chairman—Emily Brown; Secretary—Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Chris Nicholson 30b (CB); Joseph Sherer 348t (CB), 81 (CB); Emily Brown 38t (CB), 86 (CB); Gaylon Powell 482 (CB), 552 (CB); Tristan Gordon 67 (CB), 145t (CB); Kristie Powell 131t (CB), 210 (CB); Robert Vaughn 273 (CB), 268t (CB); Janie Short 505 (CB), 146 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Joseph Sherer 276 (CB); Ivy Hauser 268b (CB), 269 (CB); Charlie McGuire 399 (CB), 392 (CB); Daniel Williams 292b (CB), 446t (CB); Ann Jett 503 (CB), 515 (CB); Stina Soderling 31t (CB), 98 (CB); Will Gatewood 63 (CB), 511t (CB). Dan Alquist asked the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Leaders: Joseph Sherer 122 (CB); Jim Lazenby 108b (CB), 361 (CB); Danny Creel 404 (CB), 133 (CB); Molly Peck 38b (CB), 278b (CB); Henry McGuire 567 (CB), 478 (CB); Ken Tate 511b (CB), 447b (CB); Samuel Williams 336t (CB), 479 (CB); Sonja Kirkham 504t (CB), 475 (CB); Yancey Jett and Emily Brown 172 (CB), 216 (CB); Charity Vaughn and Chris Nicholson 297 (CB), 112 (CB); Tammy Powell 222 (CB), 142 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Joseph Sherer 132 (CB); Natalie Fletcher and Tammy Powell 400 (CB), 401 (CB); David Williams and Samuel Williams 524 (CB); Will Gatewood and Molly Peck 410 (CB); Danny Creel and Ken Tate 514 (CB); Henry McGuire and Charlie McGuire 411 (CB); Sonja Kirkham and Jim Lazenby 242 (CB); Ann Jett and Ivy Hauser 192 (CB); Charity Vaughn and Chris Nicholson 212 (CB); Tristan Gordon, Stina Soderling, and Ivy Hauser 470 (CB); Janie Short and Tammy Powell 571 (CB); Emily Brown and Kristie Powell 54t (CB); Gaylon Powell and Robert Vaughn 536 (CB). Joseph Sherer appointed Kristie Powell and Gaylon Powell to serve on the memorial committee. After announcements, Joseph Sherer led 274t as the closing song. Chris Nicholson led the closing prayer

Sunday, April 28

The Sunday session of the convention was held in conjunction with the Pine Grove Cemetery Homecoming. The tune book for Sunday was the 2010 Revision of *The Christian Harmony*. Joseph Sherer led 470 (CH) for the opening song. The opening prayer was offered by Rick Foreman.

Leaders: Joseph Sherer 165 (CH); Emily Brown 51 (CH), 131 (CH); Rick Foreman 67t (CH), 66b (CH); Stina Soderling 67b (CH), 276 (CH); Chris Nicholson and Charity Vaughn 82t (CH), 546b (CH); Ken Tate 168b (CH), 490 (CH); Henry McGuire 432b (CH), 447 (CH); Joan Smith 353 (CH), 210t (CH); Ivy Hauser 223 (CH), 61t (CH); Kristie Powell 548 (CH), 258 (CH); Ann Jett 170 (CH), 149 (CH).

RECESS

Leaders: Joseph Sherer 360 (CH); Molly Peck 167t (CH), 281t (CH); Charlie McGuire 82b (CH), 398t (CH); Yancey Jett and Emily Brown 354 (CH), 307 (CH); Will Gatewood 60 (CH), 316 (CH); Janie Short 49 (CH), 43 (CH); Tristan Gordon 74 (CH), 329 (CH).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Kristie Powell made some comments concerning the sick and shut-ins, and read the list of names: Lucy Heidorn, Wanda Capps, Henry Guthery, Cindy Tanner, Mike Hinton, Leon Ballinger, Bruce Ray, Peggy Ray, and John Morris. She then led 221b (CH).

Gaylon Powell made some comments concerning the deceased, and read the list of names: Rosalee Burns, Eli Howard—Texas; Tommie Spurlock, Norma Green—Alabama; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Jeff Bagley—California; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Recent burials at Pine Grove Cemetery—Melissa Avra, Sissy Benavidez; James Sharborough. He then led 228 (CH). The memorial lesson closed with prayer by Mike Kirkham.

Leaders: Sonya Kirkham 255 (CH), 189 (CH). Prayer for lunch was given at the table.

LUNCH

Leaders: Joseph Sherer 293 (CH); Danny Creel 308 (CH), 54 (CH); Tammy Powell 64 (CH), 1 (CH); Robert Vaughn 278 (CH), 86t (CH); Henry McGuire 186 (CH); Ken Tate 292 (CH); Will Gatewood 208b (CH); Yancey Jett and Emily Brown 176 (CH); Charlie McGuire 355 (CH); Ann Jett 96 (CH); Stina Soderling 13 (CH); Rick Foreman 128b (CH); Danny Creel and Rick Foreman 167b (CH); Ivy Hauser 268 (CH); Janie Short 303 (CH); Sonya Kirkham 117 (CH); Kristie Powell 336t (CH); Chris Nicholson 184 (CH). Announcements were made.

Leaders: Tristan Gordon 253 (CH); Tammy Powell 421b (CH); Robert Vaughn 180 (CH); Joan Smith 59b (CH); Natalie Fletcher and Emily Brown 175 (CH); Emily Brown 19 (CH); Gaylon Powell 203 (CH). Joseph Sherer led 549b (CH) as the closing song. Emily Brown offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Joseph Sherer; Vice Chairman—Emily Brown; Secretary—Gaylon Powell

ALEWINE, LAMINACK, AND STEPHEN MCELROY MEMORIAL SINGING

St. Michael Lutheran Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Sunday, April 28, 2024

The annual Alewine, Laminack, and Stephen McElroy Memorial singing was held on the fourth Sunday in April at St. Michael Lutheran Church north of Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 49t. Cecil Roberts welcomed the visitors and singers to the singing and offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Cecil Roberts 49b; Bert Collins 268, 542; Barbara Brooks 58, 72b; Robert Chambless 287, 34b; Glenda Collins 35, 81t; Winfred Kerr 69t, 62; Donna Bell 452 (in memory of Ann Simpson and in honor of Ed and Margaret Thacker), 63 (in memory of Corine Laminack).

In a business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Bert Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambless.

RECESS

Jack Nelson brought the class back to order leading 64 and 270. Leaders: Nathan Rees 285b, 100; Judy Chambless 454, 282; Cecil Roberts 76b, 30t; Bert Collins 300, 39b; Winfred Kerr 225t, 77b; Donna Bell 77t (in memory of Richard DeLong), 358 (in memory of her great great grandfather and Winfred Kerr's great grandfather H.N. Gable); Nathan Rees 101t, 37b; Barbara Brooks 119, 129; Robert Chambless 84, 303; Glenda Collins 45t, 345t; Jack Nelson 266, 213t; Judy Chambless 472 (in honor of Beverly Thompson); Donna Bell 294, 335; Cecil Roberts and his granddaughter 59; Robert Chambless 49b; Jack Nelson 47b, 128; Nathan Rees 136, 73b.

LUNCH

Nathan Rees brought the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 516; Jack Nelson 517, 560; Cecil Roberts 491; Glenda Collins 354b; Barbara Brooks 410t; Robert Chambless 50b; Bert Collins 155. After announcements, Cecil Roberts and Bert Collins led 138b as the closing song. Judy Chambless offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Bert Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambless

FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Haleyville, Alabama
Sunday, April 28, 2024

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Friendship Primitive Baptist Church was held on the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Zena Tucker leading 47t. Philip Gilmore offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held to elect or appoint the following officers to serve:

Chairman—Zena Tucker; Vice Chairman—Butch White. Lisa Geist was appointed as Secretary and arranger.

Leaders: Zena Tucker 49t; Butch White 503, 535; Rebekah Gilmore 33b, 144; Teddy Godsey 189, 569b; Mike Hankins 410t, 63; Theresa Westmoreland 432, 434; David Jackson 225t, 39b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Zena Tucker leading 59. Leaders: Louise Yeager 112, 480; Joan Smith 45t, 159 (for her sister Gwen); Philip Gilmore 77t, 47b; Paul Godsey 75, 323b; Roma Rice 378t, 405; Amber Davis 436 (for Ozella Blackmon), 391 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Larry Ballinger 224, 215; Lisa Geist 472, 273 (in memory of L.E. Hannah and Josie Hyde), 340, 388.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 31b. Leaders: Zena Tucker 30t; Rebekah Gilmore 448b; Mike Hankins 68b; Theresa Westmoreland 276; David Jackson 101t; Louise Yeager 100; Philip Gilmore 76b; Paul Godsey and Bobby Godsey 167, 329, 294; Roma Rice 78; Amber Davis 208; Larry Ballinger 97; Lisa Geist 546 (in memory of Tom and Lola Myrtle Roberson); Zena Tucker 408 (in memory of Ted Godsey). Announcements were made.

Zena Tucker led 117 as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Zena Tucker; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Lisa Geist

HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING
Burritt On the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama
Saturday, May 4, 2024

The annual Huntsville Sacred Singing was held on the Saturday before the first Sunday in May in the Old Country Church at Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama. The class was called to order by Linton Ballinger leading 144. Linton Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve:

Chairman—Mark Carroll; Vice Chairman—Charles McCravy; Secretaries—Teresa Hope and Amanda Hardiman; Arranging Committee—Lomax Ballinger and Linton Ballinger.

Leaders: Charles McCravy 87, 176b; David Ivey 374, 375; Amanda Hardiman and Addie Hardiman 454, 30t; Lomax Ballinger 277, 45t; Vella Dailey 34b, 164; David Jackson 499, 225t; Carolyn Thompson and Melissa Snow-Clark 442; Ron Harper 29t, 284; Gail Doss 35, 76b; David Ballinger and James Ballinger 108t, 565; Judy Mincey 250; Samuel Sommers 56b, 397; Teresa Hope 101t, 110; Buddy Ballinger 399b.

RECESS

Mark Carroll brought the class back to order leading 445 and 283. Leaders: Butch White 313b, 547; Susan Lee 32b, 107; Larry Ballinger 151; Matt Hinton 32t, 195; Chelsea Miller 148, 480; Dennis George 345b, 542.

The memorial lesson was conducted by David Ivey. He spoke for the sick and deceased. David then read the names of the sick and deceased and led 83b. Charles McCravy closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 528, 472; Daniel Lee 106, 489; Tom George 103, 382. Mark Carroll asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by David Ivey leading 273. Leaders: Shane Wootten 275b, 394; Bridge Hill Kennedy 411, 276; David Carlton 275t, 183; Nathan Rees 317, 217; Daniel Bearden and Brittany Bearden 344, 474; David Smead 447, 216; Christopher Mann 138b, 467; Lisa Bennett 518 (for Mary Brownlee); Will Fitzgerald 89; Meredith Ivey 153; Everett Ivey 421; Margaret Evey 178; Brad Bahler and Karen Bahler 155, 550; Sam Wright 465, 71; Jesse Latimer 34t; Sarah George 224; Scott Ivey 108b; Leann Carter 504; Karen Ivey 108t; David Light 112, 436; Zena Tucker 36b.

Following announcements, David Ivey led 45b as the closing song. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mark Carroll; Vice Chairman—Charles McCravy; Secretaries—Teresa Hope and Amanda Hardiman

PORTLAND SACRED HARP SINGING

Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon

Saturday, May 4, 2024

The Portland All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Jane Cannon leading 171. Ruth Linehan offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairman—Thom Fahrback; Treasurer—Kate Fine; Secretary—Nancy Novotny.

Leaders: Nancy Novotny 63; Kate Fine 68b; Bob Schinske 204; Nell Whitman 300; Ben Brown 105; Lucinda Larsen Saue 178; Dorothy Robinson 501; Gabriel Kastle 430; Tamara Wallace 503; Peter Abrahamsen 82t; Ana Tighe 72b; Jon Rand 378b; Dorothy Mitchell 354t; Emma Swartz 460; Jabbara Edwards and Chris Noren 159.

RECESS

Bradley Knoke led 108t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jenny Solheim “Moonlight” (her own composition); Jim Solheim and Jenny Solheim “Spacetime” (by Jim Solheim); Steve Tarr 500; Mischa Skeeter 30t; Jennifer Jones 283; Chris Noren 263 (for Pat Coghlan); David Wright 315; Betsy Jeronen 560; Ian Suchon 522; Steve Cackley 502; Jamie Dawson 385b; Midge Harder 36t; Daniel Braithwaite and Jennifer King 531; Ruth Linehan 390; Julius Pasay 512; Stacey Berkheimer 92.

RECESS

Thom Fahrback led 56t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 528; Pat Coghlan 351 (in memory of Steve Helwig); Gabriel Kyne 383; Stephanie Fida 410b; Hannah Land 492; Kristofer Ilex 309; Kate Fine 369; Chris Affolter 380; Wren Hyde 97; Chris Cotter 103; Dave Barber 424; Rachael Geary 436. Ruth Linehan offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Lindy Groening led 99 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Laura Stephenson 404; Jonathon Smith 422; Sam Kleinman 434; Sophia Schinske 334; Nicholas Thompson 304; Sophie Sokolov 336; Keillor Mose 200; Kelsey Ivey 296; Mark Godfrey 215; Julia Zaffarano 216; Evelyn Lamb 292; Richard Ivey 192; Shawn Taylor 245; Leigh Cooper 228; Linnea Sablosky 376; Jon Giles 511; Patti Davis 335; Sean

Francis Conway and Taylor Sullivan 73t; Brian How and Gerry Hoffman 272; Karen Willard 142 (in memory of Ruth Brown); Edouard Beaudry 444.

RECESS

Kate Coxon led 67 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Kevin Barrans 428; Laura McMurray 345b; Nicole Scott 87; Linda Selph 456; Peter Schinske 573; Karen Stingle 475; David Schmitt 276; Jeff McLeod 441; Carrie Walker 76b; Dami Osoba 47b; Paul Chamberlain 530; Rosie Sokolov 34t; Vicki Morgan 472; Lyle Lindsey 384; Laurie Burk 347 (in memory of her husband, Dan); Carolyn Deacy 91; Kate Coxon 48t.

The following were acknowledged for their roles in helping to ensure a successful singing: Arranging Committee: Chris Noren, Emma Swartz, and Carolyn Deacy; Kitchen Coordinators: Jamie Dawson and Dorothy Mitchell; Registration: Nell Whitman and Mary Chaffin.

Following announcements, Thom Fahrbach led 36b as the closing song. Ruth Linehan offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Thom Fahrbach; Secretary—Nancy Novotny

SYDNEY SHAPE NOTE SINGERS SINGING

Dickson Street Space, Sydney, Australia

Saturday, May 4, 2024

The 11th annual Sydney Sacred Harp All-Day singing was held in Dickson Street Space, Sydney, Australia, on the first Saturday in May. The class was called to order by Ruby Foster, who gave the Acknowledgement of Country, welcomed everyone to the singing, and introduced the appointed officers. The Outgoing Chairman, Thomas MacDonald, led the song on page 84.

Leaders: Ruby Foster 49t; Caitlin Jay 34b; Meg Quinlisk 39t; Angharad Davis 47t; Lauren Reader 48t; Caitlin McHugh 29t; Ruby Foster 270; Lauren Reader 99; Angharad Davis 105; Thomas MacDonald 186; Caitlin Jay 330t; Meg Quinlisk 181; Lauren Reader 187; Thomas MacDonald 147t; Caitlin Jay 276; Angharad Davis 131b; Meg Quinlisk 472; Ruby Foster 475; Caitlin McHugh 173; Angharad Davis 175.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Lauren Reader leading 339. Leaders: Caitlin McHugh 278b; Caitlin Jay 300; Thomas MacDonald 406; Ruby Foster 344; Angharad Davis 495; Caitlin McHugh 296; Lauren Reader 460; Meg Quinlisk 380; Caitlin Jay 216; Angharad Davis 180; Thomas MacDonald 280; Ruby Foster 179.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Caitlin McHugh leading 159. Leaders: Angharad Davis 106; Caitlin Jay 532; Thomas MacDonald 550; Ruby Foster 468; Caitlin McHugh 354t; Lauren Reader 82t; Meg Quinlisk 148; Angharad Davis 399b; Caitlin Jay 42.

The memorial lesson was delivered by Angharad Davis, who led 34t for Beth Warner, Moi Chen, John White, Margaret Davis, and Rhiannon Davis. Angharad led 390 in memory of Richard Dunn, Tom Whelan, Sarah Grube, Amanda Stevenson, and Lucy Barker.

Leaders: Thomas MacDonald 227; Ruby Foster 553; Lauren Reader 163b (on behalf of Sean Whelan in memory of Tom Whelan); Caitlin McHugh 215; Angharad Davis 506; Caitlin Jay 128; Meg Quinlisk 290.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Ruby Foster leading 235. Leaders: Angharad Davis 284; Caitlin McHugh 142; Thomas MacDonald 294; Meg Quinlisk 271t; Caitlin Jay 448t; Lauren Reader 299; Angharad Davis 573; Lachlan Warner 323b; Ruby Foster 232; Caitlin McHugh 231; Meg Quinlisk 318.

Ruby Foster led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Ruby Foster; Secretary—Caitlin McHugh

VERMONT SACRED HARP SINGING
Norwich, Vermont
Saturday, May 4, 2024

The 42nd session of the Vermont All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Upper Valley on Saturday before the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Colleen Hayes leading 35.

Leaders: Dan Hertzler 68b; Larry Bingham 47t; Margaret Graver 112; Paul Gauthier and Tallulah Stolper 40; Anabel Gravel Chabot 90; Grant Cook 285b; Sara Sandberg 556; George Sigut 86; Lisa Sieverts 452; Charles Biada 108b; Sue Dwelle 84; Eric Sandberg 277; Magdalena Zapadowska 146; Sage Chase-Dempsey 183; Rachel Rudi 217; Icarus Tyree 299; Elea Regembal 272.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Carol Dempsey leading 162. Leaders: Mark Williams 269; Nicandra Galper 99; Jeremy Galvagni 479; Mary Skidmore 236; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 224; Anya Skibbie 228; Alec Collins 319; Esther Wade 506; Kerry Cullinan 200; Jean Rosenberg 198; Evan Landon 39b; Isabell Linhaves 551; Philou Fortier 569t; Will Harran 155; Anuhea Sebstad 378b; Nathan Ferguson 89; Emily Ekelund 94; Carole Crompton 189; Scott Luscombe 547; Jenny Wright 191; Kit Walsh 419. Dan Hertzler asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Sage Chase-Dempsey leading 312b. Leaders: Marie Brandis 564; Ariane Roberge 318; Erin Fulton 181; Rick Johnston 548; Michaela Natal 480; Stuart Jackson 566; névé dumas 76b; Hugh Thomas 64; Dan Hertzler 362; Larry Bingham 193; Margaret Graver 340; Paul Gauthier 324; Anabel Gravel Chabot 290.

Emily Ekelund led 73t for the sick and shut-ins and 341 in memory of the deceased. Leaders: George Sigut 448b; Sara Sandberg 315; Grant Cook 82t; Lisa Sieverts 178; Charles Biada 462; Eric Sandberg 411; Magdalena Zapadowska 300; Sage Chase-Dempsey 271t.

RECESS

David Rosenberg led 335 to bring the class together. Leaders: Rachel Rudi 500; Icarus Tyree 117; Nic Tuff 278t; Elea Regembal 351; Nicandra Galper 344; Jeremy Galvagni 192; Anya Skibbie 573; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 400; Mary Skidmore 383; Alec Collins 445; Isabel Linhaves 288; Esther Wade 337.

RECESS

Philou Fortier led 454 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Jean Rosenberg 254; Will Harran 63; Kerry Cullinan 562; Jenny Wright 106; Nathan Ferguson 504; Kit Walsh 505; Erin Fulton 378t; Scott Luscombe 353; Michaela Natal 384; Rick Johnston 58; Ariane Roberge 270; Sue Dwelle 503; Stuart Jackson 187; Marie Brandis 168; Hugh Thomas 276; névé dumas 421; Dan Hertzler 282. Announcements were made. The Secretary reported that eighty-one people registered from six states and two Canadian provinces, and that fifty-one leaders led ninety-six songs.

Colleen Hayes led 62 as the closing song. Margaret Graver offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Colleen Hayes; Secretary—Carol Dempsey

KEETON CEMETERY DECORATION DAY SINGING

Shady Grove Church Nauvoo, Alabama

Sunday, May 5, 2024

The Keeton Cemetery singing was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 59 and 64. The morning prayer was offered by Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 75, 426b; Marlin Beasley 436, 61 9in memory of Juanita Beasley); Butch White 108t, 535; Louise Yeager 112, 100; Loretta Whitman 81t, 283; Philip Gilmore 73t, 74b; Lori Keeton 63, 45t; Joe Gilmore 39b, 388 (in memory of Robert Aldridge).

RECESS

Glenn Keeton called the class back to order leading 144. Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 385b (for Jackie Sanderson); Tom Booth 204, 480; Larry Ballinger 528, 472; Lisa Geist 546, 276; Roma Rice 162, 225t; Ricky Beasley 68b, 127; Amber Davis 212, 192; Gwen Cornelius, Glenn Keeton, Lori Keeton, Lena Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Kristi Keeton 490, 294 (in memory of Pete Keeton). The blessing offered by Tom Booth.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton, Lori Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Isabella Keeton leading 178. Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 300; Sarah Beasley, Marlin Beasley, Bunk Beasley, Ricky Beasley, and Becky Briggs 354b; Betty Baccus 373 (in memory of Travis Keeton), 499 (for Henry Guthery); Doug Cantrell 235, 49t; Joey Klingman 64, 358; Lena Keeton and Glenn Keeton 475, 497; Becky Briggs 335 (in memory of John Beasley), 406; Philip Gilmore and Joe Gilmore 146, 456; Butch White 86. Announcements were made.

Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Joe Gilmore.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SACRED HARP SINGERS SPRING SESSION

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History, Springdale, Arkansas

Sunday, May 5, 2024

The spring session of the Northwest Arkansas Sacred Harp Singing occurred at the Shiloh General Store at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History on the first Sunday in May. Allison Langston brought the class together leading 47t. Andrew Albers offered the morning prayer

Leaders: Allison Langston 40; McKenna Mullis 171, 49t; Katy Black 143, 306; Darryl Criss 47b, 146; Cory Winters 159 (CB), 212 (CB); Holly Childs 85, 277; Andrew Albers 38t (CB), 491 (CB); Mona Vice 463 (CB); Syd Caldwell 574 (CB), 39 (CB).

RECESS

Allison Langston called the class back together leading 39t. Leaders: Karen Hanna-Towne 323b, 551; Beth Janes 34b, 178; Ray Towne 268, 334; Allison Langston 344 (for Bill Caldwell), 313b (in memory of Dan Brittain).

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Andrew Albers leading 82t. Leaders: Katy Black 222, 384; Darryl Criss 229, 117; Andrew Albers 378b (CB), 268b (CB); Cory Winters 269 (CB), 514 (CB); Holly Childs 472, 183; Mona Vice 133, 217; Syd Caldwell 415 (for Erik Schwab), 155; McKenna Mullis 36 (MH), 62 (MH); Allison Langston 270, 312b; Bonnie Wood 112, 38b.

RECESS

Allison Langston called class together by leading 348b. Leaders Beth Janes 175 (MH), 180 (MH); Katy Black 63, 107; Darryl Criss 138 (MH), 113 (MH); Andrew

Albers 110 (MH), 124 (MH); Cory Winters 254, and presented to the class his own composition titled “Lee Creek”; Holly Childs 319, 335; Mona Vice 315, 128; Syd Calwell 426t, 440; McKenna Mullis 505 (CB), 481 (for Dan Brittain); Bonnie Wood 362, 142; Syd Caldwell 59 (for Mary Ellen “Grandma” Wilkinson).

Allison Langston led 62 as the closing song. Bill Caldwell offered the closing prayer. Chairperson—Allison Langston; Secretary—McKenna Mullis

BOSTON SINGING

First Church in Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts

Saturday, May 11, 2024

The annual Boston All-Day Singing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by William Schuller leading 47t. Liz Cantrell offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Margaret Hughes 28b; Pippa Stoddard 52t; Bill Holt 36b; Dennis OBrien 38t; Erin Fulton 29t; Melissa DeJesus 70b; Ron Trial 73b; Liz Cantrell 72b; Rob Arbelo 339; Michaela Natal 30b; Anne Kazlauskas 40; Chris Hodges 41; Quasar Phoenix 77t; Teresa Nitz 178; Jeremy Picker 168; Christopher Kain 467; Nicholas DeVries 387.

RECESS

Holly Laws called the class together by leading 82t. Leaders: Rachel Farber 60; Isabel Linhares 506; Elizabeth Stoddard 309; Mel Novner 475; Sinead O’Mahoney 455; Charles Biada 152; Sage Chase-Dempsey 201; Bill Holt 48t; Kate Bergren 440; Elias Newman-Donihue 313b; Kerry Cullinan 133; Marie Brandis 422; Jocelyn Kurtze 474; Alec Collins 318; Gwen Gethner 88t.

RECESS

Owen Stoddard led 87 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lyra OBrien 448t; Robert Stoddard 179; Sam Dembling 276; Jennie Brown 460; Dan Harper 268; Adam Roberts 335; Magdalena; Zapedowske 215; Joan Frankel 284; Allison Steel 82t; Erin Fulton 134; Rob Arbelo 38b; Jeremy Picker 547; Holly Laws 505; Michaela Natal 485; Nicholas DeVries 299; Christopher Kain 282. Dylan Welch offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Margaret Hughes leading 81t. Leaders: Sage Chase-Dempsey 271t; Liz Cantrell 31b; Gwen Gethner 522; Isabel Linhares 112; Quasar Phoenix 472; Kate Bergren 142; Alec Collins 384; Marie Brandis 564; Elias Newman-Donihue 146; jennie Brown 456; Rachel Farber 434; Kerry Cullinan 444; Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Magdalena Zapedowske 236; Charles Biada 272; Mel Novner 430; Dennis OBrien 454.

RECESS

Sinead O’Mahoney called the class together by leading 31t. Leaders: Ron Trial 497; Sam Dembling 480; Natalie Leonard and Liv Veazey 122; Allison Steel 300; Joan Frankel 171; Robert Stoddard 203; John Klaess 158; Dan Harper 84; Lyra OBrien 419; Anne Kazlauskas 447; Chris Hodges 288. Announcements were made. Treasurer Bill Holt reported that expenses were met. Resolution’s Committee Marie Brandis and Sam Dembling resolved to thank God, the officers and committee chairs, and all those who made the singing possible, and to meet again next year. Secretary Owen Stoddard reported that sixty-eight singers from seven states had gathered, singing eighty-one songs led by forty-six leaders.

William Schuller led 323t as the closing song. Owen Stoddard offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—William Schuller; Vice Chairman—Margaret Hughes; Secretary—Owen Stoddard

BRISTOL SINGING

Frenchay Quaker Meeting House, Frenchay, Bristol, United Kingdom Saturday, May 11, 2024

The 9th session of the Bristol All-Day Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Mandy Rose leading 82t. Werner Ullah offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Joyce Smith 35; Al Williams 145b; Jessica Beer 171; Sonia Nayar 42; Greg Carson with Grace Newman 31t; Natalie Edelman and Rachel Jordan 503; Toby Goss 287; Teresa Maguire 67; Rob Mahoney 86; Karen Turner 182; Chris Coombs 72b; Susanne Rolli 344; John Sprackland 73b; Claire Welford 372; Sam Carter 201; Stacy Hackner 318 (for her newborn Godson); Edwin Macadam 352; Helen Brown 432; Wener Ullah 29t; Brenda Bowley 138b; Calum Parker 383; Steve Fletcher 430.

RECESS

Sarah West brought the class back to order leading 59. Leaders: Steve Brett 119; Clara Potter-Sweet 70b; David Garman 477; Anne Altringham 546; Nigel Bowley 324; Rachel Jordan 564; Margaret Bradshaw 212; Ted Brown 43; Jacoba Bruneel 411; James Roche 474; Sheila Girling Macadam 216; Nick Hall 183; Joan Nagy 504; Derek Buckland 308; Lilith Wozniak 567; Marcos Sullivan 480.

A moving memorial and sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Ellen Southern who led 452 for the following sick and housebound: Bill Bush, Samuel Turner, Meg Winter and Jessie, Barry Parsons, Samantha Cole, Bridget McVennon-Morgan, Ella Cumber, Pawel Zaba, Christina Zaba, Summer York, Elizabeth Roche, John Carty, Peter Polish, Werner Krist, Fiona Byrne, Uschi Nolte, Greg Levin, Margaret Brickland, Julie Harris, Betty Stratford, Beverly Thompson, and Marsha Camp.

The names of friends and family who had died in the past year were read aloud: Bella Roche, Janet Curdy, Joy Simmons, David Adler, Helen Dent, Ernest Preston, Emily Webster, Dawn Jeffrey, Mick Barlow, Keith Piggott, David Akhurst, Martin Sheppard, Corinne Haynes—United Kingdom; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Richard Mauldin—Alabama; Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Dan Burk and Jeff Begley—California; Cathy White—Georgia; Melanie Hauff and Tian Tian Cai—Illinois; Walter Graff and Harlen Menk—Minnesota; Dorothy Landskroener—Ohio.

Leaders: Constance Des Marais 187; Matthew Parkinson 426t; Indigo Micciche 168; Toby Goss 538; Claire Welford 528; Morgan Kist 49b. Derek Buckland said a blessing for the midday meal.

LUNCH

Kate Kirwan called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Sam Carter 215; Karen Turner 112; Myfanwy Godfrey 277; Calum Parker 434; Stacy Hackner 442; Kostas Mavreas and Matthew Parkinson 268; Steve Fletcher 269; David Garman 217; Teresa Maguire 506; Sonia Nayar 47b; Joyce Smith 207; Rob Mahoney 159; Constance Des Marais 312b; John Sprackland 448t; Chris Coombs 142.

RECESS

Jessica Beer led 335 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Al Williams 136; Helen Brown 436; James Roche 475; Sheila Girling-Macadam 114; Indigo Micciche 454; Werner Ullah 278t; Joan Nagy 162; Derek Buckland 497; Brenda Bowley 99; Myfanwy Godfrey 38b; Rachel Jordan 192; Matthew Parkinson 460; Jacoba Bruneel 271t; Marcos Sullivan 299; Nigel Bowley 458; Anne Altringham 227; Nick Hall 439. Mandy Rose led 146 as the closing song. Teresa Maguire offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairpersons—Samuel Turner and Mandy Rose; Treasurer—Joyce Smith; Secretary—Sarah West

MEMPHIS SINGING

Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee Saturday, May 11, 2024

The 10th session of the Memphis Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Matt Bell leading 34b. Shafer Green offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Dalton Green 503, 32b; Allison Langston 36b, 353; Robert Green 33t, 39t; Joe Thompson 33b, 66; Anne Steel 282, 318; Shafer Green 276, 277; Jesse Latimer 269, 108b; Elisabeth Collier 326, 270.

RECESS

Matt Bell brought the class together by leading 80b. Leaders: Logan Green 212, 213t; Elsie Dalton 39b, 168; Rachel Green 32t, 274t; Molly Gooch 324, 148; Caroline Green 217, 178; Cory Winters 58, 481; Jenna Green 163b, 143; Warren Steel 411, 131t; Miriam Delirium 131b, 163t; Matt Bell 310. Robert Green asked the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Dalton Green opened the afternoon session by leading 186. Leaders: Stephen Dalton 157, 375; Julia Cumming 84, 142; Gordon Bigelow 47b, 191; Molly Gooch and Margaret Brown 117, 61; Cory Winters “Lee Creek”; Priscilla Bell 53, 141; Dalton Green “Magi”; Matt Bell “May”; Warren Steel “Hurricane Creek”; Shafer Green and Jenna Green 189; Jesse Latimer 236; Allison Langston 547, 448b; Miriam Delirium 448t, 472; Anne Steel 348b, 348t; Rachel Green 107, 106; Robert Green 480, 222; Molly Gooch 145t; Jesse Latimer 85.

Following announcements, the class sang 62 as the closing song. The chairman thanked everyone present for attending. Jesse Latimer offered the closing prayer. Chairman and secretary—Matt Bell

MID-MICHIGAN SINGING

Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan Saturday, May 11, 2024

The annual Mid-Michigan Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Barb VanderJagt called the class to order leading 171. Wendy Wahn offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Barb VanderJagt; Vice Chairman—Sandy Wong; Finance Officer—Anne Missavage; Secretary/Arranging Officer—Marian Mitchell; Chaplain—Wendy Wahn.

Leaders: Bob Borcherding 112; Cecelia Kramer 63; Anne Missavage 29t; Marian Mitchell 47t; Wendy Wahn 480; Catherine Brown 350; Martha Beverly 377; Barb VanderJagt 481; Hannah Resnick 122; Jessica Pokharel 72b; Grey Grant 163b; Ginnie Landgraf 415; Bob Borcherding 168; Gerald Schoultz 84; Cecelia Kramer 442; Anne Missavage 106; Marian Mitchell 189; Wendy Wahn 548.

RECESS

Hannah Resnick brought the class back together leading 59. Leaders: Catherine Brown 66; Barb VanderJagt 128; Jessica Pokharel and Maverick Pokharel 452; Martha Beverly 528; Hannah Resnick 344; Grey Grant 254; Ginnie Landgraf 324; Gerald Schoultz 361; Bob Borcherding 110; Anne Missavage 440; Cecelia Kramer 71; Marian Mitchell 178; Wendy Wahn 547; Catherine Brown and Alexis Riley 313b; Martha Beverly 210.

RECESS

Catherine Brown brought the class back together leading 162. Leaders: Anne Missavage 486; Hannah Resnick 117; Barb VanderJagt 155; Jessica Pokharel 282; Ginnie Landgraf 236. Wendy Wahn asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Grey Grant brought the class back together leading 49t. Leaders: Gerald Schoultz 505; Bob Borcharding 524; Cecelia Kramer 180; Anne Missavage 186; Marian Mitchell 268; Wendy Wahn 269; Catherine Brown and Brad Baughman 535; Martha Beverly 507; Barb VanderJagt 497; Hannah Resnick 42; Grey Grant and Cecelia Kramer 47b; Ginnie Landgraf 81t; Gerald Schoultz 198; Bob Borcharding 275b; Cecelia Kramer 39t.

RECESS

Cecelia Kramer brought the class back together leading 40. Leaders: Alexis Riley and Ginnie Landgraf 146; Anne Missavage 148; Marian Mitchell 335; Wendy Wahn 501; Catherine Brown 385b; Barb VanderJagt 472; Hannah Resnick 192; Ginnie Landgraf 504; Gerald Schoultz 277; Wendy Wahn 500; Bob Borcharding 34t; Ginnie Landgraf 397; Barb VanderJagt 496. Announcements were made and thanks offered to the people who made the day a success.

Barb VanderJagt led 347 as the closing song. Wendy Wahn offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Barb VanderJagt; Vice Chairperson—Sandy Wong; Secretary—Marian Mitchell

PUMPKINTOWN SINGING

Oolenoy Community Center, Pickens, South Carolina Saturday, May 11, 2024

The 3rd session of the Pumpkintown Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. This singing was formerly known as Furman University singing and it would have been the 25th meeting. Song selections were from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 edition, and *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition.

Frances Carnell brought the class to order by leading 21 (CH). Leon Carnell offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Frances Carnell 185 (CH); Dave Farmer 25t (CH); Mary Baumeister 23t (CH); John Plunkett 284 (CH); Jonathan Wood 432b (CH); Phil Perrin 143 (CH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 372 (CH); Leslie Booher 543 (CH); Lily Hammond 142 (CH); Dan Huger 281b (CH); Diane Eskenasy 51 (CH); Jeremiah Ledbetter 189 (CH); Cody Brown 184 (CH); Emma Parrish 429 (CH); Andy Morse 44b (CH).

RECESS

Leaders: Frances Carnell 370; Jane Cannon 171; Lisa Bennett 272; David Smead 311; Eli Snyder 440; Jacob Lindler 191; Mike Spencer 393; Chris Carnell and Rebekah Carnell 430; Bill Hogan 134; Nancy Hogan 448b; Eric Carnell 277; Gloria Carnell and Joy-Hannah Carnell 59; Sarah Carnell 178; Maggie Ladwig 354b; Bob Ladwig 36b; Barbara Brooks 491; Rob Kelley 302. Grace was offered by Eric Carnell.

LUNCH

Leaders: Dave Farmer 65 with a reading about singing from “Red Hills and Cotton: An Upcountry Memory” by Ben Robertson, pub. 1942; Cody Brown 216; Mary Baumeister and Jennifer MacArthur 279; John Plunkett 466; Jonathan Wood 77b; Phil Perrin 127; Esther Morgan-Ellis 250; Leslie Booher 361; Lily Hammond 47b; Dan Huger 474; Diane Eskenasy 200; Jeremiah Ledbetter 208; Emma Parrish 217; Andy Morse 417; Frances Carnell 192; Jane Cannon 546; Lisa Bennet and Dave Farmer 236.

RECESS

Frances Carnell led 171 (CH). In a business meeting, it was agreed to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister.

Leaders: David Smead 155 (CH); Eli Snyder 168b (CH); Jane Cannon 54 (CH); Jacob Lindler 415 (CH); Mike Spencer 495 (CH); Bill Hogan 172 (CH); Nancy

Hogan 248 (CH); Chris Berg 507t (CH); Rob Kelley 192 (CH); Mary Baumeister and David Aiken 245 (CH); Phil Perrin 117 (CH). Announcements were made. Frances Carnell led 267 as the closing song, and Bill Hogan gave the closing prayer. Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

KENTUCKY STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky
Saturday, May 18, 2024

The 42nd annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing, hosted by the Appalachian Association of Sacred Harp Singers, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ron Pen, convener for the morning session. Ron Pen made a few announcements about the singing, its history, the schedule and facilities, and thanked members of the organizing committee who worked behind the scenes in preparation for the singing. *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *Southern Harmony* were used throughout the day. Ron offered the morning prayer, after which he led 73b.

Leaders: Rafi Finkel 159b (SoH); Tim Gregg 68b; Don Waggener 39t (SoH); Jubal Bayer 145 (SoH); Mike Grimes 146; Derek Buckland 144; Ray Rechenberg 148; Randy Webber 38 (SoH); Alana Boltz 135 (SoH); Donna Kwon 178; Joy Dunn 84; Tom Morton 209; Mary Brinkman 313b; Amy Pemberton 117.

RECESS

Judy Taylor and Fr. Jonah Campbell called the class back together by leading 186. Leaders: Delainey Bowers 448t; Inga Buckland 354t; Michelle Raine, Michelle's mother, and Ron Pen 147t; Steven Pham 164; Susan Liddle 86; Mike Grimes and JoAnn Grimes 236.

RECESS

Randy Webber read the names on the sick and shut-ins list: Robert Pemberton and Ed Walton. Amy Pemberton, daughter of Robert, shared that he had to be moved to a nursing home last summer. His Parkinson's disease and dementia had progressed to a point that her mother could no longer care for him safely in their home. Amy requested thoughts and prayers for both her parents. Ed Walton, a friend of Ray Rechenberg, had been in a car wreck and had probably had a stroke. Ed's son moved him to Cincinnati to live with him but later decided to move Ed to assisted living. Ed is lonely but getting regular visits. He is involved in Southern Gospel as well as Shape Note singing.

Randy led the memorial lesson. Ray Rechenberg made remarks about Eva Striebeck, who died in 2023. Eva was from Germany but sang all over the place, often traveling long distances to sometimes stay only for a weekend singing. Eva had her own business and lived an intentionally simple life to be able to travel and sing. Ray led 285t for her. Randy made remarks about P. Dan Brittain from Arkansas, who died in November, 2023 of a brain bleed. Dan composed a number of songs in *The Sacred Harp*. Dan and Randy would regularly meet at singings, sharing new compositions. Randy led 481, another of Dan's compositions. Randy noted that Dan heard it sung very slowly at a convention and commented that he "didn't write it that way but he liked it". Derek Buckland memorialized several people but chose not to lead a song for them: Walter Graf from Minnesota who died in 2023; Melanie Hauff from Illinois who died in 2023; Dorothy Landskroener from Ohio who died in 2023; Richard Maudlin, from Alabama, who died in 2023; Dan Burk from California, who died in 2024 and Jeff Beckley from California who died in 2024. He also remarked Melanie Hauff was the sister of Judy Hauff, who has several compositions in *The Sacred Harp*. Melanie started coming to singings when she was older. Randy led 547, a composition of Judy's, for her.

Dr. John Ramsay, a Missourian and former Berean, was signed on a separate memorial list by Laura Earles due to her schedule getting to the singing. Dr. Ramsay died in 2024 but was not publicly memorialized during the lesson. That ended the memorial lesson. Rafi Finkel chanted the lunch blessing in Hebrew then translated it into English.

LUNCH

Rafi Finkel began the afternoon session by leading “Lansdowne” a Sephardic Melody that he had arranged in 1994. Leaders: Rafi Finkel 455; Jubal Bayer 142; Tim Gregory 59 (SoH); Don Waggener, Elizabeth Campbell, Alexis Campbell, Finn Duncan, Dasha Simpkins, and Laura Lee Earles 16 (SoH); Alana Boltz 277; Donna Kwon 410t; Derek Buckland 267; Mike Grimes 496; Randy Webber “Nall” scored by Randy in 2015 text by Issac Watts; Ray Rechenberg 276; Joy Dunn 543; Tom Morton 49b; Amy Pemberton 335; Charles Coulston 344.

RECESS

Rafi Finkel announced the Big Singing in Benton coming up in a week, the Harrods Creek Singing in Louisville in September, and some Ohio and Louisville singings were also announced. Leaders: Judy Taylor 532; Pearl Marshall 454; Delainey Bowers 284; Inga Buckland 400; Steven Pham 49t; Susan Liddle 40; JoAnn Grimes 63; Laura Lee Earles 278t; Kelly Toon 504; Steven Krueger 538; Fr. Jonah Campbell 47b; Rafi Finkle 269; Charles Coulston 497; Derek Buckland 122; Rafi Finkel 155; Mike Grimes 268.

Ron Pen led 267 as the closing song, and most singers shared the parting hand. Tim Gregg offered a beautiful parting prayer.

Chairman and Treasurer—Charles Coulston; Secretary—Mary Brinkman

PROVIDENCE SINGING

Cullman County, Alabama Saturday, May 18, 2024

The annual Providence Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in May at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence. The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Christopher Mann leading 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers and committee members: Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary and Arranging—Amber Mann.

Leaders: Christopher Mann 82t; Tom Booth 30b, 475; Cindy Mann 77t, 145b; Butch White 547, 287; Bridge Hill Kennedy 37b, 168; Sonya Sipe 39b, 36b; Lori Rodgers 162, 379 (in memory of Elder Hand).

RECESS

Christopher Mann led 47b to bring the class together. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 47t, 490; Hazel Heinze 569b, 438; Garrett Sipe 32t, 63; Buell Cobb 308, 325.

Christopher Mann asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Christopher Mann leading 44. Leaders: Nancy Phillips 282, 208; Delone Cobbs and Wyatt Parton 106, 231; Susan Allred 65, 385b (in memory of Carol Fannin); Anna Grace Sipe 56b, 178; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 34b, 38b; Amber Mann 274t, 354b. Christopher Mann led 225t (in memory of Kenneth and Carol Fannin) and 40 (requested by the Parton family).

Announcements were made.

Christopher Mann led 347 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Amber Mann

CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama

Sunday, May 19, 2024

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the third Sunday in May. Glenda Collins called the class to order leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer. Glenda Collins welcomed the visitors and singers to the singing. In a business meeting, the following officers were elected: Chairman—Glenda Collins; Vice Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Glenda Collins 32t; Winfred Kerr 36b, 225t; Abigail Cannon 129, 175; Cecil Roberts 37b, 56t (in memory of Homer Benefield); Robert Chambless 30b, 84 (in memory of Philip Denney); Barbara Brooks 58, 406; Bill DuPre 48t, 29t; Jack Nelson 128, 180; Sarah George 122, 171; Mamie Sisemore 388; Samuel Williams 569t, 411.

RECESS

Winfred Kerr called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 34t, 34b; Sheri Taylor 75, 119; Blake Sisemore 497, 176b; Tom George 385t, 391; John Plunkett 371, 139; Daniel Williams 159, 448t; Shane Brown 73b, 373; Nathan Rees 42 (in memory of Stanly Edwards), 181; Paula Oliver 270, 540; Bert Collins 35, 142, 560; Judy Chambless 549, 340; Tom George 124; Blake Sisemore 425; Nathan Rees 374; Glenda Collins 454; Sheri Taylor 324; Robert Chambless 569b, 303.

LUNCH

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 394. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 489; Paula Oliver 217; John Plunkett 285b; Bill DuPre 107; Bert Collins 124.

Shane Brown gave the memorial lesson remembering the following sick and shut-ins: Beverly Thompson, Barry Rollins, Karlene Williams, Margie Smith, Pauline Oliver, Marlene Redmond, Ralph Redmond, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Ed Thacker and Margaret Thacker. The following list of names of the deceased was read aloud: Jerry Shadinger, Allen Webb, Lettie Ann Driver, and Tommie Spurlock. Shane Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Barbara Brooks 410t; Jack Nelson 438; Winfred Kerr 146; Shane Brown 49b; Samuel Williams 165; Daniel Williams 36t; Cecil Roberts 491 (in honor of Barbara Brooks and Cecil's sweet wife, Sarah Roberts); Sarah George 95; Abigail Cannon 335. Announcements were made.

Glenda Collins and Winfred Kerr led 62 as the closing song. Tom George offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Glenda Collins; Vice Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Secretary—Judy Chambless

ROCKY MOUNT HOMECOMING SINGING

Daviston, Alabama

Sunday, May 19, 2024

The annual Rocky Mount Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Charlotte Bishop leading 101t, 35 and 145t. Elder Jonathan Blakeley offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting, a motion was made to keep the same officers as follows: Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Isabelle Green; Arranging—Jordan McGuire. The motion carried and the business meeting was closed.

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 145b; Audrey Blakeley 109, 59; Ted Price 406, 61; J.T. Blakeley 81t, 335.

RECESS

Leaders: Isabelle Green 565, 146; Jonathan Blakeley 31t, 285t; Justin Whitehead 34t, 288; Lacey Blakeley 76b, 77t; Jordan McGuire 39b, 354b; Lynda Fagan 36b, 68b.

LUNCH

Charlotte Bishop called the class back to order by leading 72b, 143, and 268 (in memory of Sheila Shivers). Leaders: Douglas Hubbard 159, 47b; Lynda Fagan 560; Jordan McGuire 290; Isabelle Green 100; Justin Whitehead 30b; Douglas Hubbard 77b; Ted Price 108b; Charlotte Bishop 229 (CB).

Ted Price requested that the class sing 'The Star-Spangled Banner' as the closing song. He then dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Isabelle Green

LOWCOUNTRY SACRED HARP

Saint Philip's Church, Charleston, South Carolina

Saturday, May 25, 2024

The Lowcountry Sacred Harp met for its 12th annual singing in the parish hall of Saint Philip's Church (Anglican) on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, which happened to be the first weekend of the Spoleto Arts Festival. The chairman, Stephen Jones, offered the opening prayer and led the song on page 46.

Leaders: Rob Dillon 52b; Suzanne Coffman 59; Tom Ivey 299; Darlene Moak 34b; Darlene Moak 45t (for Margaret Agner); Gene Pinion 28t; Allen Dugger 276; Carson Brunson 49t; Stephen Jones 123b; Elizabeth Betz 354b; Rob Dillon 479 (in memory of John Julian Dillon, who gave his life in Germany in 1944); Suzanne Coffman 106; Tom Ivey 512; Darlene Moak 74b; Gene Pinion 107; Allen Dugger 99; Carson Brunson 156.

RECESS

Stephen Jones led 242 to begin the second session. Leaders: Elizabeth Betz 268; Rob Dillon 547 (in memory of Lawson Turner, who gave his life in Germany in 1945); Robin Betz 178; Suzanne Coffman 81t; Tom Ivey 376; Tom Ivey 517 (for Don Bowen); Darlene Moak 117; Gene Pinion 171; Gene Pinion 47b (for Caroline Drinnen); Allen Dugger 40; Carson Brunson 155; Rob Dillon 457; Elizabeth Betz 159; Stephen Jones 338; Robin Betz 358; Allen Dugger 47t (Moravian Blessing).

LUNCH

Suzanne Coffman began the afternoon session by leading 147t. Leaders: Tom Ivey 354t; Darlene Moak 129 (for Renee Kerr); Darlene Moak 86; Gene Pinion 365; Allen Dugger 542; Carson Brunson 186; Rob Dillon 386; Stephen Jones 254; Robin Betz 335; Suzanne Coffman 503; Tom Ivey 250; Darlene Moak 207; Gene Pinion 383; Allen Dugger 485.

RECESS

Announcements were made. Leaders: Carson Brunson 146; Rob Dillon 73t (in honor of Shenandoah Valley visitors); Stephen Jones 122; Robin Betz 110; Suzanne Coffman 277; Tom Ivey 143 (for Delynne Lilly); Tom Ivey 340 (for rose-growing ancestors); Darlene Moak 36b; Gene Pinion 235; Allen Dugger 101t; Carson Brunson 76b; Rob Dillon 183; Stephen Jones 49b; Robin Betz 504; Suzanne 77b. Allen Dugger led 53 as the closing song. Stephen Jones offered the benediction. Chairman—Stephen Jones; Secretary—Suzanne Coffman

VINEMONT SINGING

Faith Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama

Saturday, May 25, 2024

The Vinemont All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Tom Booth leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Christopher Mann. Tom Booth then led 475 (for Linda Booth) and 489.

Leaders: Nancy Phillips 312b, 63, 64; Carolyn Thompson 313b, 428, 140 (for Henry Guthery); Christopher Mann 467, 176b, 229; Hazel Heinze 99, 43, 569b; Larry

Ballinger 177 (in memory of Earl Ballinger), 47t, 528; Bea Aaron 426b, 145t, 562 (for Henry Guthery).

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Tom Booth leading 39b. Leaders: Jeff James 86, 124, 472; Lisa Geist 222, 224, 182; Butch White 178, 547, 503; Chris Ballinger 347, 424, 146; Philip Gilmore 47b, 67, 77t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 448b, 425, 73t; Danny Creel 106, 228, 234; Ann Jett 37b, 269, 327, 512 (by request).

LUNCH

Christopher Mann began the afternoon session by leading 114. Leaders: Nancy Phillips 268; Butch White 287; Bridge Hill Kennedy 82t; Philip Gilmore 76b; Carolyn Thompson 448t; Bea Aaron 204; Jeff James 82b; Hazel Heinze 438; Danny Creel 167; Ann Jett 136. Announcements were made. Tom Booth led 62 as the closing song.

Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Ann Jett

GERMANY SACRED HARP CONVENTION **Friedrich-Wilhelm Gymnasium, Cologne, Germany** **May 25-26, 2024**

Saturday, May 25

The 9th annual Germany Convention was held in the Friedrich-Wilhelm Gymnasium, Cologne, Germany, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May. The class was called to order by Dominik Fraune leading 171. Chloe Spreadborough offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Uschi Diderich 49t; Stefan Swat 324; Daniel Wippermann 32b; Eloise Clark 569t; Elisabeth Schallwig 448b; Aislinn Ahern 35; Ruby Foster 89; Caitlin Jay 51; Jaro Spörhase 268; Maria Neumann-Fraune 47t; Gerben Vos 31b; Monika Godtmann 146; Werner Ullah 49b; Hanka Faerber 142; Calum Parker 383.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Petra Ertl leading 133. Leaders: Laura Eisen 121; Graham Ball 56b; Richard Mayers 449; Susanne Rolli 277; Tina Cramer 348t; Molly McCracken 288; Sam Carter 406; Thomas MacDonald 195; Paul Kolenbrander 442; Chloe Spreadborough 349; Edwin Macadam 444; Joshua Lant 392; Caro Stamm-Reusch 67 (for Christopher Schuller and the men & women of the Sanitätsregiment 1, stationed in Pabradė, Lithuania); Jacoba Bruneel 542; Katie Ahern 335; Chris Affolter 76b; Gwendal Geleoc 53.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Joanna Bennett leading 448t. Leaders: Elmar Wigand 457; Sara Hellström 504; Emily Spademan 59; Morgan Kist 535; Mali Dray 547; James Roche 354t; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Erika Wilson 77t; John Bealle 434; Julia Sievert 505; Oskar Kvasnes 119; Leif Simer 28b; Petra Ertl 110; Jasmina Graf 377; Camilla Marie Widholm 328; Anne Eringa 148. Chloe Spreadborough offered the prayer before the lunchtime meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Stefan Swat leading 159. Leaders: Chris Affolter 228; Jacoba Bruneel 197; Richard Mayers 189; Joshua Lant 419; Joanna Bennett 532; Caro Stamm-Reusch 528; Aislinn Ahern 500; Katie Ahern 426b; Edward Ricemeyer 240; Gerben Vos 388; Gabriel Kyne 227; Sheila Girling Macadam 440; Anne Eringa 430; Camilla Marie Widholm 298; John Bealle 217; Erika Wilson 560; Sam Carter 546; Ruby Foster 553; Thomas MacDonald 236; Calum Parker 198.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Daniel Wippermann leading 34b. Leaders: Maria Neumann-Fraune 551; Tobias Kanngiesser 344; Sebastian Borckenhagen 117; Emily Spademan 282; Edward Ricemeyer 111b; Eloise Clark 481; Werner Ullah

313b; James Roche 549; Gwendal Geleoc 39t; Laura Eisen 125; Edwin Macadam 466; Jasmina Graf 423; Elisabeth Schallwig 330t; Chloe Spreadborough 372; Caitlin Jay 267; Molly McCracken 47b; Petra Ertl 472.

Dominik Fraune led 347 as the closing song. Chloe Spreadborough offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, May 26

The Sunday session of the 9th Germany Convention met again in the Friedrich-Wilhelm Gymnasium, Cologne. The class was called to order by Dominik Fraune leading 48t. Chloe Spreadborough offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Uschi Diderich 523; Hanka Faerber 183; Tobias Kanngiesser 284; Ulla Schlobohm 29b; Graham Ball 70b; Paul Kolenbrander 28t; Maria Neumann-Fraune 114; Jaro Spörhase 268; Petra Ertl 300; Molly McCracken 276; Stefan Swat 567; Ulrike Tietjen 512; Tina Cramer 101t; Chloe Spreadborough 147t; Daniel Wippermann 231; Monika Godtmann 57; Julia Sievert 102.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jasmina Graf leading 146. Leaders: Edward Ricemeyer 73t; Werner Ullah 70t; Emily Spademan 507; Caitlin Jay 495; Sara Hellström 105; Mali Dray 556; Elmar Wigand 277; Gwendal Geleoc 42; Leif Simer 547; Elisabeth Schallwig 475; Jasmina Graf 522; Gerben Vos 332; Morgan Kist 125; Calum Parker 270; Paul Kolenbrander 203.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Joanna Bennett leading 99. Leaders: Chris Affolter 436; Leif Simer 83t; Thomas MacDonald 550; James Roche 391; Edwin Macadam 352; Dominik Fraune 74b; Camilla Marie Widholm 536; John Bealle 250. Sheila Girling Macadam gave the lesson for the sick and housebound. Maria Neumann-Fraune read the following names: Elizabeth Roche, Melanie Tönnies, Jim Coppock, Linda Coppock, MM Wagner, Tim Wagner Jamison, Andy Ditzler, David Brodeur, Dianne Schiffer, John Carty and Peter Poush.

Sheila Girling Macadam gave the memorial lesson for the deceased, followed by leading 534. Maria Neumann-Fraune read the following names: Betty Walsh, Ernest Preston, Helen Dent, Emily Webster, Jeffrey Dawn, Eva Striebeck, Dan Brittain, Michael Ryan, Jeff Begley, Melanie Donhauser-Kuhn, Diego (el Alfa) Ogando Wilkes, Elisabeth Spiegel, Els Theunissen, Karin Wilson, Norman Wilson, Uschi Nolte, David Akhurst, Keith Pigott, David Jones, Sean Roche and Thomas Wunderlin.

Leaders: Chloe Spreadborough 38b; Tina Cramer 390; Aislinn Ahern 474; Anne Eringa "Mount Hope" (composed by Daniel Hertzler) (in memory of Michael Ryan); Gabriel Kyne 202; Caro Stamm-Reusch 454; Richard Mayers 254. Chloe Spreadborough offered the prayer before the lunchtime meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ulrike Tietjen leading 29t. Leaders: John Bealle 543; Erika Wilson 378b; Katie Ahern 517; Eloise Clark 234; Laura Eisen 173; Sam Carter 506; Jacoba Bruneel 216; Ruby Foster 524; Joanna Bennett 272; Joshua Lant 224; Camilla Marie Widholm 196; Gabriel Kyne 383; Richard Mayers 174; Sheila Girling Macadam 103; Jasmina Graf 542; Thomas MacDonald 263; Calum Parker 318; Elisabeth Schallwig 274t; Chris Affolter 353; James Roche 350.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Stefan Swat leading 163t. Leaders: Silvia Fledderus 45t (assisted by Paul Kolenbrander); Edward Ricemeyer 311; Emily Spademan 319; Werner Ullah 410t; Sheila Girling Macadam 480; Gerben Vos 569b; Joshua Lant 69b; Edwin Macadam 499; Jacoba Bruneel 106; Laura Eisen 230; Aislinn Ahern 112; Sam Carter 160b; Ruby Foster 179; Gwendal Geleoc 345b; Katie Ahern

446; Erika Wilson 73b; Anne Eringa 191; Uschi Diderich and Hanna van der Wal 209.

Dominik Fraune thanked the Officers and Committee Members for their hard work both before and during the Convention and everyone else who had helped. He thanked the keyers and the cooks who had fed so many singers so well. Leif Simer gave the Treasurer's report saying that all expenses had been met and thanking everyone for their generosity. Paul Kolenbrander gave the Secretary's report saying that there were eighty-six registered singers on Saturday and fifty-three registered singers on Sunday, singing one hundred eighty-four songs in total. Announcements were made. The 10th Germany Convention will be held in 2025 in Bremen, Germany.

Dominik Fraune led 278t as the closing song. Edwin Macadam offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Dominik Fraune; Vice Chairman—Uschi Diderich; Secretary—Paul Kolenbrander

MIDWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Chicago, Illinois and Skokie, Illinois

May 25-26, 2024

Saturday, May 25

The 39th annual Midwest Convention took place at Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May and the Ethical Humanist Society Skokie, Illinois, on the fourth Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Ginny Landgraf and Randy Neufeld leading 171. Carol Ann Munro offered the invocation.

Leaders: Mary Rogel 33b; Rochelle Lodder and Eileen Ferguson 140t (ShH); Randy Neufeld 29t; Matthew Siefert 135 (in memory of his mother Rhonda Siefert); Carol Ann Munro 392; Eleanor Haase 352; Lindsey Falbo 105 (ShH); Mark Bowman 454; Marian Mitchell 185; Brady Santoro 250.

A business meeting was convened to elect the following officers: Chairman—Mary Rogel; Vice Chairman—Brady Santoro; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder; Chaplains—Carol Ann Munro, Ginny Landgraf, and Jim Swanson. The following were appointed to serve as the Arranging Committee: Jim Swanson, Megan Dunning, and Susie Kauffman.

RECESS

Susan Geil called the class to order leading 52t. Leaders: Steven Schmidgall 24b (ShH); Martha Beverly 210; Anne Heider 189; Dick Patterson 417 (ShH); Catherine Brown 84; David Smead 214; Derek Buckland 160b; Christine Stevens 277; Fred Wilkey 12b (ShH); Myles Louis Dakan 148 (ShH); Grace Thomas 442; Myles Alexander 141; Jonathon Smith 226 (ShH); Jeshua Franklin 85.

RECESS

Jim Swanson called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: Cecelia Kramer 444; David Barford 542; Anne Missavage 157; Kerry Cullinan 155 (ShH); Dan Nickel 38b; Lisa Bennett 80b (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Steve Luttinen 112 (ShH); Ray Rechenberg 260b (ShH); Inga Buckland 271t (in memory of Eva Striebeck); Jim Helke 279; Shana Wenger 413 (ShH); Eric Morgan 300. Carol Ann Munro offered grace before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mary Rogel leading 1b (ShH). Leaders: Lisa Grayson 80 (ShH); Paul Wyatt 319 (ShH); Gillian Inksetter 304; Ginny Landgraf "Rellys' Third"; Brady Santoro "Regent Street"; Marcia Johnson 97; Kathy Williams 368; Judy Hauff 364b (ShH); John Seaton 47t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 276; Carol Buche 140b (ShH); John Wiens 147 (ShH); Steve Warner 47b.

RECESS

Eileen Ferguson called the class to order leading 183 (ShH). Leaders: Michael Mosley 191; Karen Swenson 282 (ShH); Randy Neufeld and Grace Thomas 242 (ShH); Eleanor Haase 455; David Barford 335; Jim Swanson 285 (ShH); Jonathon Smith 428; Lindsey Falbo 120t (ShH); Fred Wilkey 474; Catherine Brown 313b; Jeshua Franklin 170 (ShH); David Smead 278 (ShH) (in memory of Dan Brittain); Christine Stevens 310 (ShH); Myles Alexander 371; Anne Missavage 362; Eric Morgan 532; Kathy Williams 472; Carol Ann Munro 550. Mary Rogel led 347 as the closing song, and Carol Ann Munro dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 26

The Sunday session was held at the Ethical Humanist Society, Skokie, Illinois. Mary Rogel brought the class to order by leading 125 (ShH). Ginny Landgraf offered the invocation.

Leaders: Steve Warner 34b; John Seaton 37b; Michael Mosley 288t (ShH); Peter Bradley and Amy Anderson 84 (for Johanna Fabke); Jim Helke and Steve Schmidgall 496; Dick Patterson 416 (ShH); Bess Fitzgerald 87; Lindsey Falbo 3b (ShH); Ginny Landgraf and Gillian Inksetter 522; Cecelia Kramer 71; Mark Bowman 344; Lisa Bennett 340b (ShH); JoDell Albi 122; Martha Beverly 283.

RECESS

Jim Swanson called the class to order leading 274t. Leaders: Steve Schmidgall 156; Will Fitzgerald 447; Fred Wilkey 501; Derek Buckland 308 (in memory of Uschi Nolte); Gillian Inksetter 287 (ShH); David Smead 142; David Barford 70b; Myles Louis Dakan 114 (ShH); Catherine Brown 66; Carol Buche 504; Inga Buckland 460; Karen Swenson 291; Myles Alexander 538; Eleanor Haase 221 (ShH); Shana Wenger 7t (ShH).

RECESS

Randy Neufeld called the class to order leading 36b. Christine Stevens led 10 (ShH). The memorial lesson was held at this time. Steve Warner read the names of the following deceased: Melanie Hauff, Rhonda Siefert, Sheila Waldek, Bob Sussman, Carol Ruth Kimmel, and Edwin Chen—Illinois; Tommie Spurlock, Earl Ballinger, Richard Mauldin, and Ozella Blackmon—Alabama; Grace Brazil—North Carolina; Becky Browne—Missouri; Robert Stevens and Pastor Sam Butler—Minnesota; Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Dorothy Landskroener, Steve Duff, and Mary Krogness—Ohio; Dan Burk and Jeff Begley—California; Jack Minton—Michigan; Joel Davis—Washington; Harlan Menk and Joyce Luttinen—Wisconsin; Eva Striebeck and Uschi Nolte—Germany.

Kathy Williams presented a plaque to Judy Hauff in memory of her sister Melanie, saying, "As a member of the board of directors of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, I'm here to honor one of your own. Melanie Hauff was a strong supporter of Sacred Harp on the local level. She was an outstanding leader and a stalwart of the treble section. Melanie traveled for years across the country as long as she was able. She didn't write or actively teach, but I wonder how many present-day trebles learned under her tutelage. Melanie contributed much beautiful original artwork to posters, flyers, fans, aprons, and more. She served as the treasurer of the Midwest Sacred Harp convention for years. She cooked and delivered way more than her share of food to dinner on the grounds. I always told Melanie that her coconut cake was the reason I attended the Midwest Convention. And way behind the scenes, she hauled and stored drinks supplies, a job we would all describe as an unwelcome task. "It is a tradition of the Publishing Company to present a posthumous award in honor of outstanding shareholders such as Melanie Hauff. I now have the pleasure of making this presentation to Judy Hauff in memory and in honor of her sister, Melanie." Anne Heider led "Melanie" in memory of the deceased.

Steve Warner read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Mary Owen, Johanna Fabke, Robert Owen, Ed Walton, Deborah Gogola, Jewel Klein, Donna Gunderson-Rogers, Jeff Bell, Marsha Camp, Ruth Bryant, Corrone Bryant, and Gary Gronau. Jim Swanson offered a prayer and led 312t for the sick and shut-ins. Leaders: Kerry Cullinan 404t (ShH); Megan Dunning 235; John Wiens 34t. Ginny Landgraf offered grace before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ginny Landgraf leading 340t (ShH). Leaders: Mary Rogel 390 (ShH); Steve Luttinen 171 (ShH); Ray Rechenberg 203; Paul Wyatt 266 (ShH); Kathy Williams 273; Judy Hauff 421 (noting that this was possibly Melanie's favorite song); Lisa Grayson 536; Alex Calhoun 30b; Eileen Ferguson 501; Matthew Siefert 398; Susan Geil 296 (ShH); Myles Louis Dakan 363 (ShH); Derek Buckland 267 (in memory of Eva Striebeck); David Barford 168.

RECESS

Megan Dunning called the class to order leading 76b. Leaders: Rochelle Lodder and Jim Swanson 200 (ShH); Lindsey Falbo 162 (ShH); David Smead 528; Gillian Inksetter 572; Fred Wilkey 99; Lisa Bennett 204 (ShH); Kerry Cullinan 251 (ShH); Inga Buckland and Judy Hauff 547; Anne Heider 236; Dick Patterson 110 (ShH); Randy Neufeld 270; Martha Beverly 197 (ShH) (in memory of Bill Beverly); Will Fitzgerald 424t (ShH); Marian Mitchell 146 (ShH); Steve Schmidgall 333.

Reports were presented. The Finance Committee reported that all expenses had been met. On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, Randy Neufeld thanked all who worked hard to make our convention comfortable and welcoming, including the officers, as well as Jim Helke and helpers for setup; Ginny Landgraf, Dick Patterson, Gillian Inksetter, and Steve Luttinen for pitching; Michael Mosley for registration, with help from Eileen Ferguson, Anne Heider, and Carol Ann Munro; Susan Geil for kitchen coordination, with assistance from Mark Bowman and Randy Neufeld; and all who brought food. He then presented the following additional resolutions for approval:

"First, we are resolved to make a few improvements next year. We are resolved to bring back the Saturday evening social in 2025. We also resolve to make sure future Midwest Conventions have fully and comfortably accessible facilities to ensure we are welcoming to all. And Lisa Grayson and Randy Neufeld are personally resolved to try, to try, to secure Ida Noyes at the University of Chicago for next year's convention. If we fail, and we may well fail, we will find something just as good if not better. If you all come back.

"Be it further resolved. We declare that the Midwest Convention is back, Sacred Harp is back, the visceral joy of full-throated harmony with invigorating dissonance again rejuvenates our bones and gives us a calm and thankful heart. The shaped notes have eclipsed the spiky spherical virus that has choked us and taken some friends too soon. Sacred Harp is back. Now again it is our turn to be contagious—with our catchy earworms. No mask can protect you from catching what Marcia calls the virus in the center of the square. We resolve to spread this shapenote virus as fast and as far as we are able. Gathering back here in Chicago in one year, bringing your new converts with you. Therefore be it resolved to gather again next year on the last Sunday in May and the Saturday before in 2025, for the 40th anniversary Midwest Convention." The class approved the resolutions.

The officers led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Ginny Landgraf offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Mary Rogel; Vice Chairman—Brady Santoro; Secretary—Rochelle Lodder

THE BIG SINGING
Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky
May 25-26, 2024

Saturday, May 25

Gary Clark offered an opening prayer at 10:00 a.m., following which Gene Gilliland called the class to order by leading 59. All selections on Saturday were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Erin Fulton 205, 39t; David Carlton 48t, 63; Alice Bean 34b, 551; Garrett Herndon 143, 270; William Ralph Paris 96, 135; Kerry Lovett 354b, 127; David Carlton 134, 421; Garrett Herndon 49b, 58; Gene Gilliland 49t, 64; Alice Bean 323b, 334; Erin Fulton 24b, 48b; William Ralph Paris 47t, 159; Garrett Herndon 155, 120; Kerry Lovett 45t; Gene Gilliland 128, 209; David Carlton 145b. Gene Gilliland offered a prayer before dinner.

LUNCH

Gene Gilliland called the class back to order by leading 145t. Leaders: Gene Gilliland 268; Erin Fulton 317, 74b; William Ralph Paris 66, 36b; Garrett Herndon 35, 30b; David Carlton 176b, 177; Erin Fulton 37b, 313b; Gene Gilliland 53, 236; William Ralph Paris 31t, 73b; David Carlton 496; Garrett Herndon 475. David Carlton dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, May 26

Access to the courthouse being delayed due to the weather and road conditions, Gene Gilliland called the practice session to order somewhat late by leading 103 (SoH). All selections on Sunday were from *The Southern Harmony*. The moderator introduced our special guest, Bob Sparanese, a great-grandson of Big Singing founder James R. Lemon, who had traveled with his wife from Florida to attend the singing. Leaders: Gene Gilliland 302 (SoH); Erin Fulton 165t (SoH), 49 (SoH); Kerry Lovett 8t (SoH), 89b (SoH); David Killingsworth 123 (SoH), 305 (SoH); Tim Gregg 2 (SoH), 59 (SoH); David Carlton 256 (SoH), 16 (SoH); Raphael Finkel 38 (SoH), 56 (SoH); Trent Hollinger 11 (SoH), 51 (SoH) (by request of Amy Hollinger); Garrett Herndon 10b (SoH), 181b (SoH).

A tornado warning interrupted the singing just as Matt Meacham was called upon to lead. The class decamped to the basement of the courthouse, where they resumed singing. Leaders during the basement session: Matt Meacham 83 (SoH), 312t (SoH); William Ralph Paris 64 (SoH), 259 (SoH); Erin Fulton 332 (SoH). The Emergency Management Department advised that the singers dismiss to their dinner at the Woodman of the World building, a designated storm shelter, earlier than wanted. There, the singers whiled away the worst of the storm by listening to Bob Sparanese recount brothers James R. and George Lemons's roles in maintaining *Southern Harmony* singing in western Kentucky, and admiring a program (recently uncovered by Kevin Byars's mother) for the 1949 *Southern Harmony* youth supper hosted by Benton's Church Grove Methodist Church. Gene Gilliland offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Having been given the all-clear, the singers returned to the courthouse. Gene Gilliland called the afternoon session to order by leading 213 (SoH) and 324t (SoH). William Ralph Paris spoke in memory of *Southern Harmony* singers and family members deceased during the past year, with particular reference to his wife, the late Nancy King Paris of Fredonia, Kentucky, in whose memory this session of the singing was held. Also mentioned fondly were Curtis Cook—Indiana; Sue Lovett—Kentucky; Travis Stein—Missouri; and Bill Tew—Virginia. William Ralph Paris led 288t (SoH) in memory of Nancy King Paris and these other friends.

Leaders: Kerry Lovett 144 (SoH), 123 (SoH) (by request of Lesa Lovett); Tim Gregg 4t (SoH), 270 (SoH); David Killingsworth 46 (SoH), 109 (SoH); Trent Hollinger 39t (SoH), 57 (SoH); Garrett Herndon 89t (SoH), 294 (SoH); Raphael Finkel 299

(SoH), 159b (SoH); Matt Meacham 252 (SoH) (in memory of Travis Stein), 166 (SoH) (in honor of John Meacham); David Carlton 310 (SoH), 265 (SoH); Erin Fulton 80 (SoH) (in honor of Don, Pat, and Tom Waggener), 72t (SoH); Gene Gilliland 94t (SoH), 189 (SoH); Raphael Finkel 200b (SoH); David Killingsworth 308 (SoH); Trent Hollinger 107 (SoH), 322 (SoH); Erin Fulton 301 (SoH), 6b (SoH); David Carlton 276t (SoH); Gene Gilliland 277 (SoH). Kevin Byars requested that we sing 133 (SoH) before the singing close. Gene Gilliland led 334 (SoH) as the closing song. Garrett Herndon offered the parting prayer and dismissed the singers to their various homes in Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Missouri, and Tennessee. Chairman—Gene Gilliland; Secretary—Erin Fulton

NORTHEAST MISSOURI MEMORIAL DAY SINGING

Pike County, Missouri

Monday, May 27, 2024

The 13th annual Northeast Missouri Memorial Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Siloam Church/Old Paths Bible Church, Pike County, Missouri, on Memorial Day. The class was called to order by Paul Figura leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Bro. Jim Herr. Greetings were extended by Bro. Tommy Schultz. Leaders: Karen Isbell 142; Lisa Bulawsky 353; Shannon Tibbs 471; Barb Lund and Adrian Eldridge 384; Emily Calhoun 472; Clara Herr 501; Rob Tibbs 333; Prisca Rice 13 (MH); Jenny Whitman 19 (MH); Darby Hamann 350; Ellie Hamann 277; Chris Nicholson 120, 119 (by request); Connor Hamann 45t; Ian Hamann 63.

RECESS

Rob Bahler brought the class back together by leading 536. Leaders: Jim Herr 475; Adrian Eldridge 503; Tommy Schultz 37b; Donna Schultz and Abigail Schultz 180 (MH); Shirley Figura 2 (MH); John Uhlemann 564; Donnie Simmet 74b; Luke Hamann 283. Dave Kaeser gave a talk on the history and meaning of Memorial Day, and then led 47b. Leaders: Dave Ressler 28b; Paul Figura 127 (MH); Jeff Hamann 44. The class sang ‘The Table Hymn’ by John Bayer, and grace was offered by Dave Kaeser.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Donnie Simmet leading 20 (MH). Leaders: Emily Calhoun 72b; Clara Herr 163t; Barb Lund 299; Shannon Tibbs 42; Rob Tibbs 117; Karen Isbell 68 (MH); Lisa Bulawsky 135 (MH); Darby Hamann 73t; Jenny Whitman 138 (MH); Prisca Rice 54; Ellie Hamann 40; Chris Nicholson 49t; Connor Hamann 212; Abigail Schultz 277; John Uhlemann 436; Donnie Simmet 324; Luke Hamann 314; Tommy Schultz 177 (MH); Donna Schultz 38b.

RECESS

Leaders: Tommy Schultz 168; Rob Bahler 550; Jim Herr 556; Adrian Eldridge 209; Dave Ressler 300; Dave Kaeser 448t; Paul Figura 62 (MH); Shannon Tibbs 147t; Clara Herr 84; Emily Calhoun 518 (CB); Lisa Bulawsky and Karen Isbell 137; Prisca Rice 505 (CB); Jenny Whitman 86; Chris Nicholson and Tommy Schultz 448b; Abigail Schultz 354b; the class sang 551; John Uhlemann 455. The weather was perfect, the food plentiful and delicious, the fellowship sweet, and the presence of God was tangible. Adrian Eldridge offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tommy Schultz; Vice Chairman—Theophilus Schultz; Secretary—Abigail Schultz

HOLLY SPRINGS MEMORIAL SINGING
Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia
Saturday, June 1, 2024

The Holly Springs Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Phillip Langley called the class to order by leading 59. Jim Neal offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed: Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Shawn Taylor. Shane Brown was appointed as treasurer and John Plunkett as arranging committee.

Leaders: Shawn Taylor 378t; David Brodeur 39b; John Plunkett 52t; Winfred Kerr 36b; Judy Mincey 464; Bryan Black 220; Lela Crowder 32t; Robert Kelley 317; Bridge Hill Kennedy 32b; Jim Neal 84; Jack Nelson 228; Judy Chambless 475 (for Margie Smith); Bill DuPre 29t; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 472; Lily Hammond 268; Robert Chambless 225t; Debora Grosse 224; Esther Morgan-Ellis 31t; Karen Rollins 298.

RECESS

Phillip Langley called the class back to order by leading 100. Leaders: Nathan Rees 462; Lisa Bennett and Judy Mincey 538; Cecil Roberts 358 (for Carolyn Deering); Chrissy Brown and Julia Brown 72b; Lori Graber 30b; Abigail Cannon 500 (for Rodney Ivey); Donna Duke and Gene Duke 217; David Smead 286; Matt Hinton 299; Sheri Taylor 332 (for her mother and father); Jonathon Smith 218 (in memory of Eugene Forbes); Oscar McGuire and Katie McGuire 515 (for Faye Hollis); Shane Brown 89; Jose Camacho 498; Alex Forsyth 396; Debra Langley and Phillip Langley 159; Laura Frey 163b; Blake Sisemore 411; Pam Nunn 528; Reba Windom 436; Joyce Heath 212; Rachael Geary 216; David Brodeur 517; Shawn Taylor 546; John Plunkett 540 (for Jeannette DePoy); Winfred Kerr 516; Judy Mincey 287; Bryan Black 434. Karen Rollins asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

David Brodeur called the class back to order by leading 52t. Leaders: Lela Crowder 272; Jim Neal 80t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 300; Robert Kelley 567; Jack Nelson 551; Bill DuPre 42; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 34b; Lily Hammond 547; Robert Chambless 77b; Debora Grosse 556; Esther Morgan-Ellis 532; Karen Rollins and Bridge Hill Kennedy 365; Nathan Rees 162; Lisa Bennett 450; Lori Graber 326; Cecil Roberts 312b; Abigail Cannon 175; Jonathon Smith 165.

RECESS

Phillip Langley called the class back to order by leading 30t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 392 (in memory of Loyd Redding); David Smead 382; Matt Hinton 391; Sheri Taylor 470 (in memory of Loyd Redding); Shane Brown 383 (for Judy Henry); Rachael Geary 505; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 196; Jose Camacho 234; Alex Forsyth 527; Laura Frey 451 (in memory of her grandmother, Mary Hackney); Blake Sisemore 373.

A short business session was held during which we resolved to continue with a single day of singing on the Saturday before the first Sunday in June, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The class voted to re-elect the same officers. Announcements were made.

Phillip Langley led 46 as the closing song, and Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Shawn Taylor

LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION
Zion Church, Near Gordo, Alabama
Saturday, June 1, 2024

The 106th session of the Lamar County and Pickens County Sacred Harp singing convention was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. The class was called

to order by Amber Davis leading 36b. Glenn Keeton offered the opening prayer. Amber Davis led 129.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 492, 269; Will Gatewood 565, 163b; Maggie Zavgren 45t, 63; Roma Rice 323b, 108t; Louise Yeager 480, 426b; Mike Hankins 59, 527; Glenn Keeton 504, 475 (for Henry Guthery); Larry Ballinger 'Mercy Seat', 119.

RECESS

Amber Davis brought the class back to order by leading 373 (for Paula Springfield). Leaders: Chris Ballinger 76b, 44; Mark Davis 564, 47b; Wayne Baines 75, 339; Philip Gilmore 68b, 49b; Laurie Keeton 72b, 282; Beth Wallace 528, 120.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Amber David leading 436. Leaders: Laurie Keeton 542; Lisa Geist 392; Beth Wallace 560; Will Gatewood 283; Maggie Zavgren 379; Roma Rice 64; Louise Yeager 276; Larry Ballinger 235; Glenn Keeton 365; Mike Hankins 168; Chris Ballinger 270; Mark Davis 234; Wayne Baines 155; Philip Gilmore 176b; Amber Davis 177 (in memory of Earl Ballinger). Announcements were made.

Amber Davis led 62 as the closing song. Mike Hankins dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Amber Davis; Secretary—Lisa Geist

OSLO SINGING

Kampen Menighetshus, Oslo, Norway

Saturday, June 1, 2024

The 8th annual Oslo Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was held at Kampen Menighetshus in Oslo on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Oskar Kvasnes leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Margaret Hunt.

Leaders: Chris Affolter 82t; Saara Pakarinen 35; Camilla Marie Widholm 171; Paul Kirby 178; Hanna Flyckt 73t; Petra Ertl 47t; Theresa Hofmann 278t; Andrew Mashchak 472; Margaret Hunt 131t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 168; Cäcilia Mann 84; Rob Mahoney 86; Katie Ahern 175; Eloise Clark 399t; Dominik Fraune 501; John Bealle 94; Colleen Jones 497; Petra Ertl 106; Cäcilia Mann 210.

RECESS

Leaders: Chris Affolter 111t; Johanna Vogelsanger 70b; Camilla Widholm 172; Theresa Hofmann 146; Owen Thomas 183; Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten 324; Nora Gates 213t; Paul Kirby 39t; Pete Sandberg 378b; Oskar Kvasnes 350; Margaret Hunt 66; Rob Mahoney 159; Caro Stamm-Reusch 125; Hanna Flyckt 182; Andrew Mashchak 328; Dominik Fraune 568; Eloise Clark 300; Saara Pakarinen 564; Colleen Jones 505; Katie Ahern 232.

RECESS

Leaders: Camilla Widholm 349; Cäcilia Mann 231; John Bealle 192; Petra Ertl 215; Joyce Lau 569b; Paul Kirby 55; Johanna Vogelsanger 276; Theresa Hofmann 107; Pete Sandberg 29b; Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten 312b; Rob Mahoney 535; Andrew Mashchak 313b.

LUNCH

Leaders: Saara Pakarinen 117; Caro Stamm-Reusch 189; Dominik Fraune 377; Eloise Clark 532; Katie Ahern 528; Hanna Flyckt 70t; John Bealle 442; Colleen Jones 550; Cäcilia Mann 269; Paul Kirby 75; Petra Ertl 430; Chris Affolter 512; Theresa Hofmann 542; Margaret Hunt 102; Johanna Vogelsanger 268; Pete Sandberg 30b; Owen Thomas 457; Camilla Widholm 548; Elizabeth Bogal-Allbritten 77t; Rob Mahoney 209.

RECESS

Leaders: Paul Kirby 282; Nora Gates 339; Colleen Jones 475; Andrew Mashchak 455; Oskar Kvasnes 155; Caro Stamm-Reusch 410b; Eloise Clark 87; Hanna Flyckt 228; Petra Ertl 425; John Bealle 186; Dominik Fraune 481; Katie Ahern 30t; Cécilia Mann 198; Camilla Widholm 200; Theresa Hofmann 38b; Chris Affolter 347; Johanna Vogelsanger 47b; Rob Mahoney 454; Owen Thomas 230; Margaret Hunt 34b; Pete Sandberg 68t; Oskar Kvasnes 62.
Secretary—Chris Affolter

SHAKER MEETINGHOUSE AND FRANCIS BLISS MEMORIAL SINGING

**Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, Maine
Saturday, June 1, 2024**

The 2024 Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Barb Ames called the class to order leading ‘The Shakers’, a hymn commemorating the 250th anniversary of Mother Ann Lee’s arrival in America. Chris Holley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Robert Stoddard 33b; Jonathan Spencer 77t; Pleasance Crawford 297; George Howe 148; Eric Sandberg 277; William Schuller 35; Erin Fulton 76t; Inga Buckland 168; George Sigut 38b; Jesse Vear 429; Owen Stoddard 430; Lizzie Sanders 227; Joan Frankel 171; Sara Sandberg 276; Bill Holt 274t; Catherine Bull and Elizabeth Stoddard 178; Anabel Gravel Chabot 98; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Chuck Crawford 546; Ethan McNerney 512.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Eric Sandberg leading 135. Leaders: Kerry Cullinan 348t; Derek Buckland 101b; Chris Holley 49b; Pleasance Crawford 193; William Schuller 426b; George Howe 36b; Jesse Vear 336; Robert Stoddard 300; Erin Fulton 197; George Sigut 448t; Anabel Gravel Chabot 385b; Inga Buckland 282; Jonathan Spencer 260; Catherine Bull and Elizabeth Stoddard 146; Joan Frankel 143; Owen Stoddard 198; Lizzie Sanders 47b; Pippa Stoddard 134; Bill Holt 224; Ethan McNerney 230; Sara Sandberg 313b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Pippa Stoddard leading 81t. Leaders: Chuck Crawford 480; Elizabeth Stoddard 411; William Schuller 56b; Anabel Gravel Chabot 111b; Jesse Vear 296; Kerry Cullinan 501; Inga Buckland 420; Jonathan Spencer 500; Erin Fulton 285b; Robert Stoddard 103; George Howe 209; Pleasance Crawford 222; Lizzie Sanders 131t; Joan Frankel 84; Chris Holley 271t; Sara Sandberg 354t; Bill Holt 376; Pippa Stoddard 399b; Patty and Ethan McNerney 354b; George Sigut 444; Owen Stoddard 569b.

Elizabeth Stoddard led 62 as the closing song. Chris Holley dismissed the class with prayer.

Co-Chairpersons—Elizabeth Stoddard and Barb Ames; Secretaries—Elizabeth Stoddard and Sara Sandberg

TYNESIDE SACRED HARP SINGING

**Newcastle, United Kingdom
Saturday, June 1, 2024**

The 18th annual session of the Tyneside Shape Note Singers met at St Francis Church Hall, Cleveland Gardens, Newcastle upon Tyne on the first Saturday in June. The class was called to order by Helen Barber, who welcomed the class and led 147t. Andrew Clark offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Helen Barber; Secretary/Arranging—Lin James; Treasurer—Phil Tyler.

Leaders: Phil Tyler 56t; Claire Welford 171; Benny Ross 37b; Joel Wallenberg and Peter Bourne 35; Tim McElwaine 107; Tamara Wallace 31t; Cath Saunt 276; Chris Coombs 314; Jan Geerts 111t; Ruth Holman 63; Calum Parker 480; Naomi Russell 452; Andrew Clark 448t; Sula O'Duffy 300.

RECESS

Karen Turner led 445 to bring the class together. Leaders: Margaret Bradshaw 105; Joan Gordon 47t; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 472; Claire Welford 362; Tim McElwaine 457; Ed Johnson-Williams 47b; Cath Saunt 217; Chris Coombs 142; Jan Geerts 110; Phil Tyler 209; Ruth Holman 208; Calum Parker 383; Naomi Russell 74b; Sula O'Duffy 496; Karen Turner 556; Margaret Bradshaw 212; Joan Gordon Edinburgh 84.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Benny Ross and Joel Wallenberg. Benny read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Debbie Davidson, Erin Johnson-Williams, Jan Saunt, and Deborah Saunt. He led 68b.

Joel Wallenberg conducted the memorial lesson and led 66 in memory of Derek Paton-Williams; Allen Freiesleben—Dorset; Alison Etter—Canada; Eve Turner—Newcastle upon Tyne. Helen Barber led 473 to close the session. Andrew Clark gave thanks for the mid day meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Phil Tyler leading 299. Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 250; Andrew Clark 535; Tim McElwaine 117; Cath Saunt 29t; Ed Johnson-Williams 539; Chris Coombs 430; Jan Geerts 198; Claire Welford 500; Ruth Holman 58; Calum Parker 270; Naomi Russell 56b; Karen Turner 474; Ed Johnson-Williams 278t; Joan Gordon with Lucy Whalley 178; Helen Barber 236.

RECESS

Mark Wardlaw led 27 to bring the class together. Leaders: Claire Welford 501; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 189; Margaret Bradshaw 475; Joel Wallenberg 572; Benny Ross 340; Phil Tyler 69b; Andrew Clark 99; Tim McElwaine 163b; Chris Coombs 103; Jan Geerts 531; Ruth Holman 352; Calum Parker 542; Naomi Russell 503; Sula O'Duffy 274t; Karen Turner 448b; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 426t; Joan Gordon 146; Helen Barber 547. Announcements were made. Lin James, secretary, reported that with twenty-one leaders seventy-two songs had been led. Helen Barber as the Chair thanked the pitchers (Claire Welford, Jan Geerts, Phil Tyler and Mark Wardlaw) and all present for making this a wonderful day of song. The class was dismissed by Andrew Clark, who led 347 and offered a prayer.

Chairperson—Helen Barber; Secretary—Lin James

LIBERTY DECORATION DAY SINGING

Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama

Sunday, June 2, 2024

The annual Liberty Decoration Day Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Scott Ivey leading 82t. Jared Wootten offered the opening prayer. Scott welcomed the class and then led 345b. Leaders: Shane Wootten 74b (in memory of Eulas Ivey); Nicholas Thompson 80b (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Blake Sisemore 138b; Emmaleigh Calhoun 335; Daniel Lee 106; Lori Graber 379; Bill DuPree 107; Lisa Bennett 513; Wayne Wootten 37b; Abby Huckaby 430; Jerry Turlington 137; Lela Crowder 157; Jamey Wootten 147t; Abigail Cannon 340; Loyd Ivey 97; Susan Lee 349; David Smead 275t; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Silas Huckaby 176b; Prisca Rice 89; David Ivey 53; Linda Sides 448t; Jared Wootten 56b; Sarah Huckaby 326; David Carlton 440; Meredith Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 278t. The class gathered in the cemetery to sing in memory of the deceased. Scott Ivey led 571 (CB), 572 (CB), and 518 (CB).

RECESS

The class was called to order by Scott Ivey and Rodney Ivey leading 39b. Leaders: Matt Hinton 138t; Judy Caudle 328; Mark Carroll 283; Jessie Belaire 330t; Richard Ivey 396; Sarah George 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Jonathon Smith 129; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 411 (in memory of the Lacy Family); Barrett Patton and Bailey Patton 144 (in memory of Paul and Bob Greeson); Lisa Geist 273; David Killingsworth and Brenda Armstrong 277; Anna Hinton 203; Hayden Wootten, Brooke Wootten, and Parker Wootten 441; Rachel Geary 112; Tom George and Dennis George 460; Erica Hinton 228; Alex Forsyth 227; Linda Thomas 39t (in memory of Fred Battles); Winfred Kerr 500; Larry Ballinger 217 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Nathan Rees and Meredith Ivey 142; Charles McCravy 428; Reba Windom 30b. Dennis George offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scott Ivey leading 270. Leaders: Garrett Morton 76b; Ainslie Allen 498; Marty Wootten 99; Cassie Allen and Rodney Ivey 234; Phil Summerlin 68b; Jayden Hunt and Prisca Rice 269; Karen Ivey 532; Deborah Morton, Garrett Morton, and Lacy Collier 477; Meredith Ivey and Dixie Carter 425; Kelsie Ivey and Everett Ivey 153; Cassie Allen and Cindy Tanner 208; Charles Steifel and Joyce Morton 47b; Lacy Collier, Angie Collier, Deborah Morton, and Garrett Morton 299; Micheal Adams and Sybil Adams 445; Shane Brown and Jamey Wootten 300; Tony Ivey and Sandy Ivey 313t; Jackie Tanner 73t; Anna Oliver 426b; Shane Wootten 484 (CB) (in memory and honor of those that have served our country), 478 (CB); Loyd Ivey and Family %01 (CB), 511 (CB); Annie Grace Wootten 354b; Rodney Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 465 (CB) (in memory of Coy Ivey). Announcements were made.

Scott Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Micheal Adams led 47t as the closing song. Micheal Adams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Scott Ivey; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

TYNESIDE SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING

Gateshead, United Kingdom

Sunday, June 2, 2024

The 8th annual session of the Tyneside Shape Note Singers *Shenandoah Harmony* All-Day singing met at Side By Side Arts, Dunsmuir Grove, Bensham, Gateshead on the first Sunday in June. All song selections are from *The Shenandoah Harmony* (ShH).

The class was called to order by Phil Tyler, who led 260t (ShH). Leaders:

Christopher Todd 265 (ShH); Karen Turner 221 (ShH); Erin Johnson-Williams 404t (ShH); Ed Johnson-Williams 146 (ShH); Caleb Leeke 177 (ShH); Gabriel Leeke 431 (ShH); Benny Ross 53 (ShH); Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 114 (ShH); Mark Wardlaw 270 (ShH); Claire Welford 334 (ShH); Laura Ball 1b (ShH); Cath Saunt 76t (ShH); Lin James 366 (ShH); Jan Geerts 3b (ShH).

RECESS

Leaders: Helen Barber 138 (ShH); Andrew Clark 132 (ShH); Tamara Wallace 264b (ShH); Karen Turner 446t (ShH); Margaret Bradshaw 242 (ShH); Christopher Todd 3t (ShH); Joel Wallenberg 88 (ShH); Sula O'Duffy 112 (ShH); Phil Tyler 214 (ShH); Caleb Leeke 288t (ShH); Alice Leeke 137 (ShH); Benny Ross 200 (ShH); Mark Wardlaw 403 (ShH); Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 424b (ShH); Ed Johnson-Williams 77 (ShH).

LUNCH

Leaders: Lin James 125 (ShH); Cath Saunt 18b (ShH); Laura Ball 314t (ShH); Jan Geerts 457 (ShH); Helen Barber 41 (ShH); Andrew Clark 183 (ShH); Karen Turner 12b (ShH); Tamara Wallace 140b (ShH); Erin Johnson-Williams 243 (ShH); Christopher Todd 429 (ShH); Phil Tyler 15 (ShH); Sula O'Duffy 70b (ShH); Joel

Wallenberg 356t (ShH); Caleb Leeke 356b (ShH); Margaret Bradshaw 278 (ShH); Ed Johnson-Williams 186 (ShH); Benny Ross 363 (ShH).

RECESS

Leaders: Mark Wardlaw 16 (ShH); Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 246 (ShH); Lin James 374t (ShH); Laura Ball 63 (ShH); Cath Saunt 48 (ShH); Jan Geerts 120t (ShH); Helen Barber 161 (ShH); Andrew Clark 51 (ShH); Karen Turner 31 (ShH); Erin Johnson-Williams 9b (ShH); Phil Tyler 5b (ShH); Joel Wallenberg 78 (ShH); Margaret Bradshaw 310 (ShH); Ed Johnson-Williams 326t (ShH); Benny Ross 296 (ShH)
The class was dismissed by Phil Tyler, who led 124 (ShH) as the closing song.
Secretary—Lin James

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP HERITAGE TOUR Places of Interest in England and Scotland

June 3-14, 2024

The touring group of Sacred Harp Singers visited places of interest in England and Scotland. The class sang at various graveyards, chapels, and churches of persons who made significant contributions to *The Sacred Harp*.

Tuesday, June 4

The class sang 47t at the grave of Isaac Watts, and 72b at the grave of John Rippon at Bunhill Fields Burial Ground, London.

Thursday, June 6

Olney, Buckinghamshire, England. On the coach to Olney, the class sang songs which came from Olney Hymns. Samuel Sommers led 148. Wendy Wahn offered a prayer, and led 56b. Other leaders: Fay Baird 68t; Kathy Williams 56t; Ann Riley 458; Deborah Taube 287; Daryl Chesney 335; Karen Rollins 105; Julia Thompson 168; Idy Kiser 74b; David Ivey 27. At the Cowper and Newton Museum in the town of Olney, the class sang 505 (CB); in the parish church graveyard the class sang 45t; in the Church the class sang 34t and the present curate, the Rev. Hugh Reid, said a closing prayer for our Olney visit.

Thursday, June 6

At Doddridge Chapel, Northampton, England, the class sang 39t and 112.

Friday, June 7

At the Isaac Watts Memorial, South Hampton, England, the class sang 34b; from the vista which inspired “There is a land of pure delight” the class sang 303.

Monday, June 10

Wainsgate Chapel, overlooking the town of Hebden Bridge in the chapel, Chris Brown spoke briefly about the significant contributions made to *The Sacred Harp* by West Yorkshire musicians and poets, notably Israel Holdroyd and John Fawcett. David Ivey led 28t, 28b; Samuel Sommers led 30t (CB), 205. At John Fawcett’s grave in the churchyard, the class sang 330b.

Tuesday, June 11

The class sang 45t in the Norman Chapel, one of Durham Castle’s most important spaces. Norman Chapel, Durham Castle, England, was constructed around 1080, and is the city’s oldest building.

Thursday, June 13

At Rosslyn Chapel, Scotland, the class sang 45t. Several other tourists and pilgrims joined in the singing.

Thursday, June 13

At Old Temple Kirk, Scotland, the class sang 162.

Friday, June 14

Enroute to the Edinburgh airport, the class sang 347 and Wendy Wahn offered a prayer.

Tour leader—David Ivey; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

HOPEWELL HOMECOMING
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama
Saturday, June 8, 2024

The 76th annual Hopewell Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in June. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 81t and 61. Doyle Alexander offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144; Rebekah Gilmore 101t; Doyle Alexander 36b, 99; Judy Chambless 37b, 29t; Buell Cobb 107, 106; Robert Chambless 163b, 84; Linda Booth 455, 454; Butch White 499 (for Henry Guthery), 547; Beth Branscome 57, 155; Tom Booth 344, 441.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 276. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 47b, 411; Larry Brasher 68b; Larry Brasher and Linda Thomas 47t; Lori Graber 101b, 548; Nicholas Thompson 431 (for Henry Guthery), 192 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon); Reba Windom 318 (in memory of Eloise Wootten), 270; Bridge Hill Kennedy 82t, 129.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore. They led 288 for the following sick and shut-ins: Henry Guthery, Betty Shepherd, Chris Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Marlin Beasley, Margaret Keeton, Nate Green, and Julia Poston. They then led 45t in memory of the following deceased: Marie Hyatt, Chita Blakeley, Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Jerry Kitchens, Richard Mauldin, Tommy Reeves, Elvin White, Geraldine Sharpton, Tommy Spurlock, Leslie Gilmore, Carol Fannin—Alabama; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Becky Browne—Missouri; Melanie Hauff—Illinois. Butch White closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 384. Leaders: Terry Hullett 418 (for Nate Green); Elene Stovall 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips), 172; David Carlton 77t, 198; Rene Greene 464, 200; Glenn Keeton and Laurie Keeton 72b, 178; Vella Dailey 86, 87; Roma Rice 405, 321; Linda Thomas and Teresa Ratliff 345b, 345t; Travis McCay 277, 354b; Paula Henderson 145b, 146; Grace Gilmore 208, 542; John Gilmore 494, 495; Ru Perry-Mize and Nicholas Thompson 159, 168; Rebekah Gilmore 336.

Terry Hullett led 62 as the closing song. Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretary—Rebekah Gilmore

RAYMOND HAMRICK MEMORIAL SINGING
(THE GEORGIAN HARMONY)

Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia
Saturday, June 8, 2024

The 9th session of the Raymond Hamrick Memorial Singing (*The Georgian Harmony*) was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in June at the Roberta Civic Center. Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 1. Bill DuPre offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 108; Oscar McGuire 9; John Plunkett 38; Rosemund Watson 25, 109; Martha Harrell 54, 107; Bill DuPre 82; Chris Robinson 83; Michael Spencer 208, 233; Jeremiah Ledbetter 8, 51; Glenda Collins 10, 174; Bert Collins 3, 11; Laura Frey 29, 22; Sheri Taylor 253, 45.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 152. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 15; Bill Hollingsworth 136; Bill DuPre 80; John Plunkett 185; Bill DuPre 198 (by

request of Rosemund Watson); Chris Robinson 13; Michael Spencer 14. Elder Chris Robinson offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 19. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 47; Oscar McGuire 49; Jeremiah Ledbetter 131, 18; Bert Collins 105, 158; Mary Brownlee and John Brownlee 95; Laura Frey 228; Sheri Taylor 26; John Plunkett 240; Bill DuPre and Lilly Hooks 92; Chris Robinson 113; Michael Spencer 43; Jeremiah Ledbetter 66; Laura Frey 211. Announcements were made.

Rosemund Watson and Lilly Hooks led 255 as the closing song. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Shawn Taylor

WINCHESTER SINGING

St Paul's Church, Winchester, United Kingdom

Saturday, June 8, 2024

The 7th annual Winchester All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Nigel Bowley leading 33b. Edwin McAdam offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Toby Goss 31t; Jacqui Knowles 48t; Steve Fletcher 128; Kostos Mauros 196; Stacy Hackner 142; Machna Nowak 40; Chris Coombs 472; Theresa Maguire 42.

Michael Walker reminded the class that the 4th Winchester All-Day was the last singing Rebecca Over attended before her passing just a week later. Winchester was her own local singing and she regularly attended the weekly singings here. Had she been able to, she would have taken immense pleasure in being with us all today due to her strong links to both the US and UK singing communities. Michael invited the class in a moment of silence to reflect on Rebecca and also those whose names were recorded on the memorial list. The following list of names of the deceased was read aloud: Ernest Preston—London; Emily Webster—Cambridge; David Adler—Laurieston Hall; Mick Barlow—Eynsham; Martin Sheppard—Botley; Dennis McKeogh—Witham; Rob Laycock—Derby; Michael Ryan—Netherlands; Eva Striebeck and Ushi Nolte—Germany; P Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Karen Evans—Florida, USA; Melanie Hauff—Illinois, USA; Dorothy Landskroener—Ohio USA; Richard Mauldin—Alabama, USA; Dan Burk and Jeff Begley—California, USA. The Winchester Singers led 146 for them all, this being the last song that Rebecca sang in the middle of the hollow square.

Leaders: Nick Hall 452; Joyce Smith 204; Jessica Beer 422; Greg Larson 86; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 100; Scarlet Lasoff 448t; David Garman 133; Paul Zaba 183; Beatrix Baker 535; Ted Brown 176b; John Hutchinson 83t; Inga Buckland 168; Gerben Vos 28t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Arthur Swindells leading 89. Leaders: Constance Des Marais 314; Derek Buckland 32b; Thompson family 345t; Anne Altringham 171; Tamara Wallace 276; Neil Horlock 400; Samuel Turner 401; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 213t; Sheila Girling Macadam 500; Barry Parsons 325; Brenda Bowley 72b; Hannah Land 292; Deborah Taube 99; Eimear O'Donovan 57; Ann Riley 178; Joshua Lant 536; Wendy Wahn 504; Rachel Jordan 200; Randa Harris 358; Arthur Swindells 318; Daryl Chesney 503. Michael Walker offered thanks for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Joshua Lant called the class back to order by leading 319. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 103; Idy Kiser 108b; Matthew Parkinson 187; David Ivey 353; Fynn Titford-Mock

170; Karen Rollins 298; Samuel Sommers 397; Kathy Williams 273; Steve Brett 224; Jesse P. Karlsberg 216; Edwin Macadam 236; Allison Steel 542; Lauren Bock 419; Michael Walker 227; John Bealle 189; Richard Mayers 485; Eloise Clark 466; Helen Brown 192; Kathy Williams 368; Beth Hall Sommers 24b; Nick Hall and Rachel Jordan 474; Inga Buckland and Derek Buckland 193; Emily Bador 418; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 112; Ted Simonds 274t; Hannah Land 475; Eimear O'Donovan 384.
RECESS

Constance Des Marais called the class to order leading 513. Leaders: Adrian White 339; Gerben Vos 107; Sheila Macadam and Edwin Macadam 150; Neil Horlock 65; Fynn Titford-Mock 521; Eloise Clark and John Bealle 501; Anne Altringham 37b; Matthew Parkinson 434; Lauren Bock 432; Richard Mayers 524; Allison Steel 345b; Constance Des Marais and David Garman 125; Theresa Maguire 444; Bristol Singers 129; Toby Goss 515; Chris Coombs 217; Kostas Mauros, Machna Nowak and Scarlett Lassoff 49t; Jessica Beer 176t; Jacqui Knowles, Stacy Hackner, and Ted Simonds 442; Steve Fletcher 228; Greg Carson and Paul Zaba 48b; Robert Stoddard 76b.

Nigel and Brenda Bowley led 347 as the closing song. Sheila Girling Macadam offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nigel Bowley; Vice Chairman—Megan Streb; Secretary—Neil Horlock

JUNE SINGING **Alpharetta Municipal Building, Alpharetta, Georgia** **Sunday, June 9, 2024**

The 156th annual session of the June Singing was held on the second Sunday in June at the Alpharetta Municipal Building. Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 49t and 452. Faye Holbrook offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Helen Bryson 312t, 112; John Plunkett 343, 354t; Lisa Bennett 90, 52t; Debora Grosse 171, 189; Lily Hammond 163b, 547; Erin Wagner 159, 457; Cooper Sandefur 498, 168; Tony Hammock 430 (for his uncle), 274t; David Smead 406, 468.
RECESS

Bill DuPre called class to order leading 426t and 440. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 50b, 382; David Brodeur 312b, 316. A short business session was held. The following were elected to serve: Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Mike Castleberry; Secretary—David Smead (to begin in 2025).

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 67, 111b; Helen Bryson 102, 176t; John Plunkett 467, 471; Lisa Bennett 400, 401; Debora Grosse 99, 101t; Lily Hammond 107, 472. Bill DuPre offered the lunch blessing.

LUNCH

Helen Bryson called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: Cooper Sandefur 41, 49b; Tony Hammock 30b, 37b; David Smead 39t, 245; Bill DuPre 42, 300; Shawn Taylor 273, 373; David Brodeur 173, 348t; Faye Holbrook 290, 482.

Helen Bryson led 347 as the memorial lesson remembering all those from North Fulton County who have supported the singing through the years and a reminder that as a singer you are part of a wonderful extended family.

Leaders: Laura Patterson and Debora Grosse 63; Lily Hammond 454; Lisa Bennett 455; Erin Wagner 114; Cooper Sandefur 38t; Tony Hammock 494; David Smead 215; Bill DuPre 142; Shawn Taylor 272; David Brodeur 368; Laura Patterson 392. Announcements were made.

Faye Holbrook led 62 as closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bill DuPre. Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Mike Castleberry; Secretary—Helen Bryson

EXETER SINGING
Douglassville, Pennsylvania
Saturday, June 15, 2024

The 22nd Exeter All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in June at the Exeter Friends Meeting House. The class was called to order by Mathew Kaufmann leading 60. Mathew led the opening prayer. The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—Lyn Koehnline; Treasurer—Jeff Geib; Secretary—Jeff Shenk. Lyn Koehnline made opening remarks and led 34b.

Leaders: Holly Long 283; Katy Browne 282; Jeff Geib 49t; Anna Melton 162; Wyn Batson 448t; Kyle Johnsten 37b; Doe Lowinger 348b; Rachel Hall 313t; Guy Bankes 28b; Maddy Smith 290; Pete Sandeen 47b; Elizabeth Patton 500; Scott Robinson 163b

RECESS

Hayden Arp led 111t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Ted Stokes 191 (asked the class to think of Tom Tucker who could not be with us); Nancy Tkacs 299; Lamar Mathew 35; Korey Guerrier 355; Tom Stokes 123b; Chelsea Feltman 129; Elizabeth Pilar 440; Ben Fink 228; Sophie Sokolov 560; Brady Santoro 358; Patti Davis 148; Leon Pulsinelle 385t; Frankie Steppe 86; Daniel Zalom 192; Matt Ference 567; Isabella Segalovich 300 (talked about Tim Erikson workshop); Jonathan Kadar-Kallen 503

RECESS

Ted Stokes led 106 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Chris Cotter 213t; Larah Hopkins 320; Doug Kurtze 138b; Sue Peters 68b; Faiz Warah 447; Jimmy Griffin 547; Lindsay Kruse 432; Chris Adam 426t; Ryan Courtney 284; Jason Jack 573; Jasmine Mendoza 548; Paul Clazing 448b; Rob Arbelo 270; Rachel Farber 398; Hayden Arp 56b. Jason Jack offered a prayer.

LUNCH

Jeff Shenk led 569b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Sam Kleinman 434; Nancy Mandel 411; Marie Brandis 564; Nancy Novotny 198; Kate Bergren 298; Sara Lott 542; Sebastian Beaghen 49b; Kobi Bordoley 480; Erica Martinez 212; Lindy Groening 272; Alanna Goodman 506; Sam Dembling 59; Tarik Wareh 273; Taylor Sullivan 73t; Holly Laws 460; Chris Adams 111b; Matthew Kaufmann 89; Sarah Leitao 142.

RECESS

Rachel Hall led 406 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Kobi Bordoley, Sam Kleinman, and Ryan Courtney 123t; Sarah Leitao, Alanna Goodman, and Hayden Arp 185; Tarik Wareh and Faiz Wareh 133; West Coast singers 171; Nancy Mandel 371; Lindsay Kruse 61; Kate Bergren and Holly Laws 475; Erica Martinez 349; Jason Jack and Jasmine Mendoza 474; Rob Arbelo 82t; Rachel Farber 318; Sam Dembling 378b; Daniel Zalom 527; Paul Clazing 48b; Sue Peters 56t; Matt Ference 70b.

Jeff Geib reported that expenses were met. Jeff Shenk reported that there were eighty-eight registered singers, with eighty-five songs led by sixty-eight leaders from nine states and Scotland via NYC.

Lyn Koehnline made closing remarks and led 62. Jason Jack offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lyn Koehnline; Secretary—Jeff Shenk

MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL
Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama
Saturday, June 15, 2024

The 114th session of the Moore, Graves, and Calvert Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order

by Danny Creel leading 49t. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White. Danny Creel welcomed everyone.

The following officers were retained to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary/Arranging—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Danny Creel 48t; Prisca Rice 298, 56b, 475; Samuel Williams 523, 505, 501; Jeff James 117, 145t, 146; Tom Booth 147t, 204, 34t; Butch White 34b, 178, 86 (for Henry Guthery); Hazel Heinze 99, 515, 438.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Danny Creel leading 170. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 47b, 76b, 77t; Linda Booth 84 (for Cornelia Van Den Doel), 137, 350; Mark Davis 132, 203, 142; Lisa Geist 527 (for Mary), 228, 327; Marlin Beasley 512, 336, 61; Jackie Tanner 138t, 101t, 89; Beth Branscome 150, 474, 76b; Virginia Watts 274t; Ken Tate 53, 345b, 348b; Brenda Chafin 187, 192, 434; Larry Ballinger 182 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger), 439, 151; Ru Perry-Mize 159, 457, 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 111b. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 155, 208, 198; Joyce White 480, 481; Nicholas Thompson 431, 436 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon), 80b (in memory of Earl Ballinger), 140 (for Larry Ballinger); Cassie Allen 299, 389, 205, 322; Prisca Rice 521; Mark Davis 134; Samuel Williams 80t; Ann Jett 269, 498, 440; Ru Perry-Mize 72b; Jeff James 31t. Announcements were made.

Danny Creel led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jeff James, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett

CLIFFORD WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL SINGING
King Schoolhouse, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Natural Bridge, Alabama
Sunday, June 16, 2024

The Clifford Wakefield Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Larry Wakefield leading 59. Mike Hankins offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Larry Wakefield; Vice Chairman—Betty Baccus; Secretary—Debbie Hall; Arranging—Faye Donaldson.

Leaders: Larry Wakefield 37b; Mike Hankins 111t, 111b, 527; Roma Rice 299, 297, 144; Butch White 276, 277, 278t; Louise Yeager 426b, 72b, 100; Chris Ballinger 178, 350, 512.

RECESS

Larry Wakefield led 317 and 569b. Leaders: Lisa Geist 472, 528, 228; Bridge Hill Kennedy 31t, 290, 391; Beth Wallace 224, 235, 400; Betty Baccus 517 (WB), 421, 168; Larry Ballinger 215, 428, 328; Junior Poston 31b, 82t, 45t.

LUNCH

Larry Wakefield called the class back to order by leading 339. Leaders: Debbie Hall 432, 123t, 208; Julie Poston 166, 35, 89; Steve Miles 234, 143; Mike Hankins 34b; Roma Rice 323b; Butch White 28b; Louise Yeager 112; Chris Ballinger 546; Bridge Hill Kennedy 440; Beth Wallace 212; Larry Ballinger 213t; Steve Miles 163t; Junior Poston 47b; Betty Baccus 333; Debbie Hall 442.

Larry Wakefield led 62 as the closing song. Steve Miles offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Larry Wakefield; Vice Chairman—Betty Baccus; Secretary—Debbie Hall

HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, Georgia

Sunday, June 16, 2024

The 157th session of the Hopewell singing met on the third Sunday in June. Oscar McGuire led 59 to bring the class to order. Robert Chambless offered the opening prayer. Oscar McGuire then led 34b followed by Denney Rogers who led 36b. Denney also gave the financial report. Karen Rollins led 171, and a business session was held. The following officers were re-elected to their positions: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Denney Rogers; Secretary—Karen Rollins. Judy Chambless was appointed to arrange.

Leaders: Sheri Taylor 39t, 349 (for her mother); Bill DuPre, Andrew DuPre, and William DuPre 29t, 426t; Glenda Collins 76b, 124; Matt Hinton 56b (in memory of Bentley McGuire), 113; Robert Chambless 75, 303; Lisa Bennett 230, 231.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire led 145t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Lela Crowder 39b, 138b; Cecil Roberts 89, 163b; Shawn Taylor 312b, 313b. Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She mentioned singing in fancy cathedrals and in old country churches and the feelings evoked of close ties no matter what the surroundings. She encouraged singers to reach out to the following singers on the sick and shut-ins list: Beverly Rollins Thompson, Judy Henry, Karleen Williams, Emmett Harrod, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Henry Guthery, Margaret Thacker, Ed Thacker, and Betty Shepherd.

The list of deceased singers was long. Names on the list included Richard Mauldin, Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Tommie Spurlock, Jerry Kitchens, Pearl Guier, Gaston White, Chris Rogers—Alabama; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Melanie Hauff—Illinois; Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Sylvia Tyree, Newman Denney, Merle Denney, Kay Denney Hubbard, Wilma Brandenburg, Gary Brandenburg, David Griffin, Jimmy Pollard, Ted Huddleston, and Jerry Shadinger—Georgia. Assisted by her grandchildren, Ava and Elijah Harris, Karen led 345t for all those on the memorial list, and then offered prayer to close the lesson.

Leaders: Anna Hinton 455, 208; Winfred Kerr 516, 517; Laura Robinson and Barry Rollins 143, 268; Julie Brown and Kacey Cook 164, 87.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Denney Rogers leading 159. Leaders: David Smead 331, 333; David Brodeur 322, 391; Daniel Williams 568, 510; Bert Collins 542, 300; Jesse Karlsberg 297, 371; John Plunkett 161, 473; Erica Hinton 492, 74b; Joan Denney 339; Bill DuPre, Andrew DuPre, and William DuPre 86; Hinton family 472; Kacey Cook and Karen Rollins 45t; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 227; Jesse Karlsberg, Sheri Taylor, and Daniel Williams 84 (in memory of Philip Denney); Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 454; David Brodeur and Shawn Taylor 373; Cecil Roberts and Winfred Kerr 229; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 549 (for Henry Guthery and Bea Aaron); Oscar McGuire and Denney Rogers 413. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Denney Rogers; Secretary—Karen Rollins

MACEDONIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Section, Alabama

Sunday, June 16, 2024

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Tom George leading 31b. Blake Sisemore offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom George 127; Dennis George 82t; Blake Sisemore 318, 34t; Richard Ivey 150, 573; Rodney Ivey 313t, 108b; Alex Forsyth 101t, 138b; Abigail Cannon 75, 317; Nicholas Thompson 200, 76b; Sarah George 336, 373; Shane Brown 89, 297; Susan Lee 56b, 38b; Rachel Geary 37b, 335; Mammie Sisemore 425; Cheyenne Ivey 384, 30b; Marty Wootten 546; Shelby Castillo 446.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Marty Wootten leading 480. Leaders: Annie Grace Wootten 354b; Allison Ivey 57, 440; Darren Douglas 423, 313b; Daniel Lee 566, 106; Reba Windom 176b; Meredith Ivey 445; Kelsey Ivey and Everett Ivey 47t; Kelsey Ivey 564; Joyce Morton 155, 505 (CB); Dennis George 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tom George leading 322. Leaders: Elene Stovall 371, 222; David Ivey 83b, 271b; Linda Sides 505; Jeanette Dollar 358; Charles Steifel 74b; Shane Wootten 572 (CB), 512; Abigail Cannon 232; Rodney Ivey 465 (CB); Alex Forsyth 220; Rachel Geary 430; Darren Douglas 42.

Announcements were made.

Tom George and Dennis George led 56t as the closing song. Shane Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Dennis George

KERMIT AND STEVE ADAMS MEMORIAL SINGING **Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama** **Saturday, June 22, 2024**

The Kermit and Steve Adams Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Mike Hankins leading 49t. Tom Booth offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Mike Hankins; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging—Theresa Westmoreland.

Leaders: Mike Hankins 34b; Theresa Westmoreland 32t, 75, 147t; Roma Rice 33t, 108t, 225t; Hazel Heinze 551, 438, 68b; Linda Booth 166, 222, 441; Becky Briggs 101t, 276, 340; Ru Perry-Mize 159, 457, 45t.

RECESS

Mike Hankins called the class back together by leading 168. Leaders: Rebekah Gilmore and John Gilmore 277, 235; Butch White 547, 178; Philip Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, and John Gilmore 47b, 76b; Betty Baccus, Margaret Keeton, and Virginia Burleson 59, 276; Barbara Thomas 143, 378t; Susan Allred 65, 384; Tom Booth 176b, 344; Greg Allred 36b, 452.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 31t. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 317, 144; Loretta Whitman 142, 277; Mary Holcomb 145b, 424; Bunk Beasley 72b, 81t; Louise Yeager 480, 112; Mary Holcomb 336, 329 (in memory of her father, Kenneth Fannin); Theresa Westmoreland and Ru Perry-Mize 358.

Mike Hankins led 56t as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Mike Hankins; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Roma Rice

OXFORD SINGING **Botley Women's Institute Hall, Oxford, United Kingdom** **Saturday, June 22, 2024**

The 25th Oxford All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Chairman Sheila Girling Macadam called the class to order at 10:30 a.m. leading 34b. David Garman offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 84; Mandy Townsend 441; David Garman 146; Toby Goss 228; Sue Bird 86; Dave Townsend 112; Duane Nasis 32t; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 288; Arthur Swindells 191; Mary Hodgkins 350; Rowan Simms 283; Teresa Maguire 284; Al Williams 67; Helen Brown 411; Derek Buckland 134; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 135; Rachel Jordan 503; Ted Brown 119; Will Spendlove 445; Nick Hall 231; Inga Buckland 47b.

RECESS

Sheila Girling Macadam brought the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Steve Welch 77b; Lee Dunleavy 72b; Ted Simonds 31t; Margaret Jones and Lee Dunleavy 178; Wail Kasim 276; Dave Townsend 457; Edwin Macadam 71.

Duane Nasis conducted a combined sick and housebound and memorial lesson, comparing the Filipino house-moving practice of 'Bayanihan' and its ability to foster happiness and co-operation, to that of the collective unity of Sacred Harp singers. We were asked to think of the following people still with us: Stephanie Ramamurthy, Ram Ramamurthy, Clive Woolf, Helen Bushell, Beverly Thompson, Kostas Mavreas, Sylvia Biges, Lesley Holloway, Elspeth Hannen, Brenda Bowley, Nigel Bowley, Terry Sexton, Nicola Macadam, and Jack Charles.

Thoughts were also addressed to those no longer with us: Ernest Preston and John White—London; Mick Barlow—Eynsham; Paulette Eeley—Oxford; Peter Blackburn—Lewes; Emily Webster—Cambridge; Rose Feather—Harrogate; Thomas Wunderlin—Switzerland; Eva Striebeck and Uschi Nolte—Germany; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Dorothy Landskroener—Ohio, USA; Richard Mauldin—Alabama, USA; Dan Burk and Jeff Begley—California, USA; Melanie Hauff—Illinois, USA. Duane led 235 for all those named. Lee Dunleavy closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 452; Mandy Townsend 318; Rowan Simms 436; Sue Bird 344; Al Williams 378t; Mary Hodgkins 30t; Arthur Swindells 270; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 294; Duane Nasis 170; Teresa Maguire 129. Sue Bird offered thanks for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session commenced with Edwin Macadam leading 29t. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 142; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 143; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 121; Will Spendlove 435; Ted Simonds 70t; Steve Welch 569t; Wail Kasim 89; Lee Dunleavy 40; Inga Buckland 82t; Ted Brown 187; Nick Hall 475; Helen Brown 234; Derek Buckland 376; Mandy Townsend 490; Dave Townsend 551; Arthur Swindells 456. At the conclusion of this session, a cake, celebrating the 25th Oxford All-Day singing was cut by Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam, and was consumed by the class.

RECESS

The final session commenced with Sheila Girling Macadam leading 274t. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 528; Al Williams 57; Teresa Maguire 390; Will Spendlove 159; Ted Simonds 504; Arthur Swindells 432; Lee Dunleavy 282; Sue Bird 535; Wail Kasim 49t; Steve Welch 73b; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 300; Rowan Simms 353; Duane Nasis 172; Ted Brown 113; Nick Hall 171; Inga Buckland 225t; Helen Brown 373; Derek Buckland 122; Rachel Jordan 474.

The Secretary reported thirty-seven singers had registered from the UK and Germany, and seventy-eight songs had been led by twenty-seven leaders. The Treasurer reported all the day's expenses had been met. Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam thanked everyone who helped in any way to make this singing a success, particularly Sally Dunleavy and Rachel Jordan who had taken over the food arrangements at very short notice. They reflected on the past twenty-five years of singing in Oxford and thanked the greater Sacred Harp community for the support

they had received since 1999. It was agreed the 26th Oxford All-Day Singing should be held at the Botley Women's Institute Hall on Saturday 21 June, 2025.

Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam led 347 as the closing song. Helen Brown offered the closing prayer, after which the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sheila Girling Macadam; Vice Chairman—Edwin Macadam; Secretary—Mary Welch

GWEN GETHNER AND CHARLES BIADA WEDDING SINGING
Woolman Hill Retreat Center, Deerfield, Massachusetts
Sunday, June 23, 2024

A Sacred Harp singing was held in celebration of the marriage of Gwen Gethner and Charles Biada. The class was called to order by Chris Geissler leading 59.

Leaders: Gwen Gethner and Charles Biada 270; Ian Quinn 150; Margaret Youngberg 432; Margaret Hughes 230; Kerry Cullinan 486; Nancy Mandel 313t; Crispin Youngberg 477; Michaela Natal 480; Jeremy Galvagni 479; Wendy Sibbison 220; Bill Holt 217; Marie Brandis 475.

RECESS

Erin Fulton led 85 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Kate Bergren 276; Nathalie Levine, Anna Rose Gable, Julie Botnick, and Carson Evans 318; Sage Chase-Dempsey 31t; Charles Biada 360; Ernest Chamberlain 532; Owen Stoddard 196; Tarik Wareh 539; Emily Hale-Sills 378t; Sadhbh O'Flynn 141; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 327; Carol Huang 546; Nicandra Galper 171; Colleen Hayes 455; Gwen Gethner 342; Izzy Ross 446; Jasmine Mendoza 42.

RECESS

Crispin Youngberg led 77t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jennie Brown 399b; Rachel Field and Ian Quinn 346; Linda Shea 371; Ron Trial 497; Kevin Beirne 454; Pattie Wareh 299; David Rosenberg 474; Pippa Stoddard 411; Sarah Maika 182; Jon Giles 218; Myles Louis Dakan 160b; Julius Pasay 495; Alice Beattie 189.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Izzy Ross leading 339. Leaders: Owen Stoddard 145t; Pippa Stoddard 296; Erin Fulton 407; Gwen Gethner and Charles Biada 349; Jocelyn Kurtze 58; Becky Wright 434; MB Gowins 200; David Rosenberg 99; Peter Irvine 236; Bill Holt 500; Gwen Gethner, Emily Hale-Sills, and Sarah Maika 123t; Ron Trial 195; Suzanne McFate 176t; Alec Collins 445; C.J. McFate 112; Allison Blake Steel 216.

RECESS

Sage Chase-Dempsey brought the class back together leading 162. Leaders: Ian Quinn 172; Jon Giles 352; Carol Huang and Kevin Beirne 198; Gwen Gethner, Charles Biada, Ben Sachs-Hamilton, Myles Louis Dakan, Becca Mandel, Tracy Walsh, Crispin Youngberg, Jennie Brown, MB Gowins, and Becky Wright 438; Ernest Chamberlain, Sarah Maika, Suzanne McFate, Nic Tuff, Jeremy Galvagni, and Nathalie Levine 235; Julius Pasay and Sadhbh O'Flynn 512; Gwen Gethner and Charles Biada 344.

Gwen Gethner and Charles Biada offered closing remarks. The secretary reported that seventy singers were present from thirteen states and one district. Chris Geissler and Suzanne McFate led 62 as the closing song.

Chairpersons—Chris Geissler and Suzanne McFate; Secretary—Carol Huang

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Fayette County, Alabama
Sunday, June 23, 2024

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Lisa Geist leading 36b. David Ballinger offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Lisa Geist 228; Amanda Hardiman 454; David Ballinger 340; Will Thompson 45t; Allie Ballinger and Linton Ballinger 35; Linton Ballinger 222; Mike Hankins 168; Darlene Reynolds 490; Danny Creel 485; Ken Tate 475; Louise Yeager 426b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 411; Drew McGuire 317; Lomax Ballinger 129; Allison Ivey 67; Lloyd Bricken 277; Zena Tucker 300; Barrett Patton 392 (in remembrance of Earl Ballinger); Jeff James 124; Ben Fink 200.

RECESS

Chris Ballinger called the class back together by leading 270. Leaders: Shane Wootten 131b; Drue Abell, Evvey Abell, and Nathan Abell 137; Katie Ballinger and John Alex Nunnery 145t; Nicholas Holmes and Luke Holmes 565; Janet Litton, Jarrod Litton, and Jett Litton 235; Chris Nicholson 212; Abigail Cannon 106; Blake Sisemore 532; Beth Wallace, Tory Colvin, and Ridley Colvin 146; Tom George 292; Emily Stutzman 418; Paul Godsey 141; Rebekah Gilmore 220; M J Duke and Amelia O'dell 108t; Ella Porter, Eady Porter, Jill Porter, and Buddy Ballinger 399b; Daniel Williams 39t; Reba Windom 542; Josh Ballinger and Phillip Ballinger 155; Sarah George 478; Bill Denney 143; Mario Wilson, Joy Wilson, Londyn Wilson, and Cole Wilson 63.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Rodney Ivey leading 111t. Leaders: Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 112; Calum Woods 298; Teresa Hope, Addie Hardiman, Lyla Hardiman, and James Ballinger 84; Cassie Allen 110; Henry McGuire 107; David Killingsworth and Brenda Armstrong 209, 225t; Lily Underwood 290; Ru Perry-Mize and Lisa Geist 159; Glenn Keeton and Laurie Keeton 34b, 349 (for Henry Guthery); Becky Briggs 318; Loyd Ivey 424 (for Leon Ballinger). Buddy Ballinger offered the prayer for lunch.

LUNCH

Lisa Geist called the class back together leading 492. Leaders: Warren Steele 360; Ainslie Allen 430; Samuel Williams 404; David Ivey 442; Matt Hinton 436; Philip Gilmore 348b; Julie Poston 166; Larry Ballinger 477; Chuck Howell 373; Margaret Keeton 276; Wayne Baines 480; Faye Donaldson 138t; Chris Nicholson 30b; Ben Fink 99; Loyd Ivey, Shane Wootten, and Lily Underwood 283; Beth Wallace and Karl Weems 358; Ru Perry-Mize and Lisa Geist 72b; Lisa Geist 528 (in memory of Uncle Earl Ballinger). Announcements were made.

Lisa Geist led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ken Tate, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Lisa Geist; Vice Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Secretary—Amanda Hardiman and Addie Hardiman

NEW HOPE SINGING

New Hope #1 Memorial Church, Cullman County, Alabama
Sunday, June 23, 2024

The annual New Hope Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Christopher Mann leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Christopher Mann.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers and committee members: Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary and Arranging—Amber Mann.

Leaders: Christopher Mann 68b; Butch White 287, 313b; Nancy Brown 335, 159; Jim Pate 128, 30t; Theresa Westmoreland 276, 99; Cindy Mann 77t, 274t; Tom Booth 30b, 31b; Roma Rice 229, 313t; Londa Pate 59 (in memory of her mother), 452 (in memory of Geraldine Sharpton); Buell Cobb 87, 82t; Linda Booth 361, 481; Amber Mann 75, 31t; Christopher Mann 58. A trustee of the cemetery committee, Keith Williams, gave a financial update on the status of the cemetery, mentioned recent improvements on the building, and thanked the singers for attending. The class was dismissed for lunch, and a prayer was offered at the table.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 499 (for Henry Guthery) to bring the class together. Leaders: Christopher Mann 146 (in memory of Carol Fannin); Shirley McKoy 358 (requested by her family visiting for decoration); Joyce White 480, 178; Delone Cobbs 379, 354t; Hazel Heinze 147t, 551; Amber Mann 282; Butch White 547, 457; Londa Pate 72b. Announcements were made. Christopher Mann led 347 as the closing song. Butch White dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Amber Mann

OLD SONGS BOOK SINGING

Altamont, New York

Saturday, June 29, 2024

The Sacred Harp book singing at Old Songs Festival allows new singers to experience the style of a traditional book singing, in an abbreviated format.

Eric Bean began the session by leading 34b. Leaders: Laura Densmore 500; Ginny Huszagh 276; Jean Seiler 142; Barbara Swetman 481; Doug Kurtz 138b; Kathryn Chillemi 107; Candis Bailey 99; Melody Johnson 315; Judy Pardee 479; MaryAnn Morrison 547; Jim Ulrich 148; Ernest Blake 40; Sara Forrest 31t; Sidney Estey-Dedell 163t; Laura Densmore 277; Barbara Swetman and Sue Ulrich 454; Ginny Huszagh 47b; Jean Seiler 62.

New singers were directed to resources about Sacred Harp and how to locate local singings.

Chairman—Eric Bean; Secretary—Ginny Huszagh

OLD STONE CHURCH SINGING

First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia

Saturday, June 29, 2024

The Atlanta class of Sacred Harp singers held a special singing on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in June in conjunction with the revision singing held the following day at Holly Springs Church in Bremen, Georgia. Lauren Bock called the class to order at 12:30 p.m. by leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Jenna Strizak. Leaders: Erica Hinton 108t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 275b; Anders Wells 99; Shawn Taylor 404; Jenna Strizak 270; Andy Ditzler 517; Lisa Bennett 170; Bill DuPre 440; Karen Edwards 383; Matt Hinton and Camara Jones 31t; Judy Mincey 180; Jonathan Wood 354t; Amy Wells 112; Erica Wagner 159; Michaela Natal 193; Liz Bryant 542; Mike Spencer 393; Ru Perry-Mize and Erica Hinton 72b; Lela Crowder 460; David Brodeur 353; David McPherson 452.

RECESS

Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock called the class back to order leading 111t. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 384; Sam Kleinman 475; Robert Stoddard 392; Mark Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 228; Marie Brandis 474; David Wright 186; Becky Wright 377; Helen Brown 411; Allison Steel 345b; Gillian Inksetter 485; Deidra Montgomery 200; Annabelle Gravel 312b; Elizabeth Stoddard 423; Elsa Phemayotin

335; Rachel Speer 187; Gene Pinion 208; Sasha Hsuczyk 68b; Dean Jens 174; Dan Edwards 448b; Kathy Bonk 445; Rosemarie Yntema 183; Laura Akerman 235; David Smead 269.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Amy Wells and Jenna Strizak leading 32t. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 318; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 309; Allison Steel 138b; Helen Brown 30b; Rachel Speer and Dean Jens 532; Leigh Cooper 276; Liz Bryant and David McPherson 300; Sam Kleinman and Becky Wright 302; David Wright 126; Mark Godfrey 225t; Marie Brandis and Michaela Natal 564; Deidra Montgomery 196; Gillian Inksetter and Idy Kiser 217; Jonathan Wood 101t; Gene Pinion 565; Annabelle Gravel 207; Amy Wells, Rachel Speer, Deidra Montgomery, Lauren Bock, Allison Steel, Becky Wright, Sasha Hsuczyk, Elsa Phemayotin, Jenna Strizak, Robert Stoddard, and Nell Pepper led 162 as representatives of the Five Colleges of Western Massachusetts.

Lauren Bock, Erica Hinton, and Jesse P. Karlsberg led 347 as the closing song. Jenna Strizak offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lauren Bock; Secretary—Erica Hinton

QUILCENE SINGING

Gray Coast Guildhall, Quilcene, Washington

Saturday, June 29, 2024

The 2nd annual Quilcene All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in June. Carrie Walker called the class to order leading 82t. Bob Schinske gave the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Carrie Walker; Treasurer—Nicole Scott; Secretary—Peter Schinske; Arranging Committee—Emma Swartz and Nicole Scott; Chaplain—Bob Schinske.

Leaders: Peter Schinske 48t; Nicole Scott 36b; Peter Abrahamsen 335; Kristofer Ilex 101t; Destiny Woods 503; Emma Swartz 99; Paul Chamberlain 430; Tamara Wallace 31t; Anne Huckins 318; Bob Schinske 277; Betsy Jeronen 573; Kim Lusk 89; Steve Cackley 88b; Dana Steege-Jackson 276; Erik Schwab 192; Jennifer Jones 527; Rosie Sokolov 33b.

RECESS

Josh Nestor and Nicole Scott called the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Nancy Novotny 189; Marla Elliott 547; Pat Coghlan 299; Mischa Skeeter 155; Kate Fortin 208; Wren Hyde 203; Jamie Dawson 569b; Dorothy Mitchell 475; Susan Helf 312b; Dave Barber 64; Kate Fine 532; McKenna Mullis 353; Thom Fahrback 29b; Stephanie Fida 60; Leland Ross and Peter Schinske 338; Jeff McLeod 317.

RECESS

Steve Cackley and Jennifer Jones called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Jenna Tompkins 474; David Schmitt 123t; Ian Suchon 166; Eleanor 159; Kevin Barrans 30b; Rachel Van Pelt and Julia Zaffarano 419.

A memorial lesson was conducted to remember Reed Schilbach. Erik Schwab led 297 and 61. Anne Huckins led “Sister’s Farewell”.

Leaders: Bob Schinske 492 (for Kelly Kennedy); Betsy Jeronen 499; Carrie Walker 480; Kim Lusk 384. Bob Schinske gave the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Peter Abrahamsen called the class back to order leading 68b. Leaders: Kristofer Ilex 97; Wren Hyde 287; Julia Zaffarano 500; Jeff McLeod 360; David Schmitt 455; McKenna Mullis 106; Nancy Novotny 300; Dave Barber 383; Destiny Woods 344; Deb Koch 313b; Kate Fine 112; Pat Coghlan 214; Stephanie Fida 399b; Nicole Scott 129; Jennifer Jones 377; Mullien H. 183.

RECESS

Destiny Woods called the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Thom Farbach 272; Susan Helf 34b; Dorothy Mitchell 270; Ian Suchon 182; Rosie Sokolov and Carrie Walker 73t; Steve Cackley 535; Kate Fortin 326; Peter Schinske 27; Jamie Dawson 385t; Kevin Barrans 329; Jenna Tompkins 209; Emma Swartz 217; Mischa Skeeter 324; Marla Elliott 66; Paul Chamberlain 538.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The treasurer reported that expenses were met. The secretary reported that forty-four leaders representing five states led eighty-three songs. Jenna Tompkins thanked the officers and volunteers and resolved that the class meet again next year. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Carrie Walker led 565 as the closing song. Bob Schinske offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Carrie Walker; Secretary—Peter Schinske

INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING **Union Methodist Church, Wellington, Alabama** **Monday, July 1, 2024**

The Independence Day Sacred Harp singing was held at Union Methodist Church in Wellington, Alabama. Rene Greene brought the class to order leading 46. Rene welcomed everyone, and then Tarik Wareh offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers (unable to attend due to his wife being in the hospital); Secretary—Donna Bell; Arranging Officer—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Rene Greene 142; Nicholas Thompson 202; Pam Nunn 183 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Rene Greene and Reba Windom 42 (in memory of Harry Butler and P. Dan Brittain); Cory Winters 353 (in memory of Dan Brittain); Donna Bell 186 (in memory of Eugene Forbes); Winfred Kerr 36b; Dave Farmer 333; Esther Morgan-Ellis 242; Cooper Sandefur 346; Joy Chamberlain and Paul Chamberlain 72b; Lily Hammond 163b; Joseph Denson 71; Paul Chamberlain 562; Emily Stutzman 567; Anton Popov 217; Will Fitzgerald 86 (for Sam Sommers and Beth Hall).

RECESS

Rene Greene brought the class back to order leading 192. Leaders: Karen Willard 543 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Richard Vinson 99; Adrian Eldridge 36t; Rachel Speer 61; Rachel Hall 482; Dean Jens 429; David Ivey 110; Jenny Solheim 216; Ray Turner 299; Elene Stovall 436; David Wright 496; Edie Armstrong 294; Jim Solheim 270; Lori Rogers 30b; Cory Winters 222; Reba Windom 172; Lela Crowder 42. Tarik Wareh offered the blessing of the noon meal at the tables.

LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Rene Greene leading 63. Leaders: Mairye Bates 148; Winfred Kerr and Donna Bell 77b (in memory of Charlene Wallace); Karen Willard and Reba Windom 542; Rachel Hall, Pattie Wareh, and Nancy Spates 440; David Ivey and David Wright 155; Rachel Speer and Cory Winters 271t; Lela Crowder and Adrian Eldridge 138b; Tarik Wareh and Dean Jens 377; Anton Popov and Lily Hammond 481; David Brodeur 373; Faiz Wareh and Emily Stutzman 462; Tammy Heinsohn and Joseph Vinson 178; Jim Solheim and Dave Farmer 454; David Brodeur and Cooper Sandefur 168; Mairye Bates and Paul Chamberlain 277; Esther Morgan-Ellis and Ray Turner 300; Lori Rogers and Nicholas Thompson 340; Rene Greene, Pam Nunn, and Lori Rogers 556; Rene Greene and Pam Nunn 269; Rene Greene 137. Announcements were made. Singers from each state present were recognized.

Rene Greene, David Brodeur, and church members led 45t. Rene Greene thanked the members of the church for their hospitality and the visitors in attendance. Rene Greene and Pam Nunn led 146 as the closing song. David Brodeur offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers (in absentia); Secretary—Donna Garner Bell

CAMP FASOLA 2024; YOUTH AND ADULT

Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama

July 1-5, 2024

Monday, July 1

Arrival, Registration, and Orientation Registration for Camp Fasola began at 4:00 p.m. Campers were issued t-shirts, schedules of classes, electives, and recreational options for the week, maps, and identification buttons. Campers had supper at 6:00 p.m. Everyone attending camp met with David Ivey in Lakeview Lodge at 7:00 p.m. for general orientation.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. The class was called to order by Blake Sisemore and Sasha Hsuczyk leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Tabitha Cook. Leaders: Kelsey Ivey and Lauren Bock 37b; Rachel Hall and Lily Hammond 39t; Jose Martinez and Nathan Rees 40; Rachel Speer and Ru Perry-Mize 159; Matt Hinton, Faiz Wareh, and Jonathon Smith 89; Alex Forsyth, Landon Kiser, and Calvin Jens 59; Bridge Hill Kennedy, Esther Morgan-Ellis, June Murph, and Vicki Morgan 99; Daniel Lee and Susan Lee 378t; Gillian Inksetter, Mammie Sisemore, Vivian Ivey, Grace Whitener, and Lottie Hinton 46; Idy Kiser, Barrett Patton, and Judy Caudle 432; Blake Sisemore, Elijah Harris, and Mark Jones 49t; Nicholas Thompson, Sarah Hill, and Samantha Adioetomo 49b; Mary O'Neal, Ricky O'Neal, Kinsley O'Neal, and Shane O'Neal 274t; Sasha Hsuczyk, Anna Hinton, Ainslie Allen, Trinity Cook, Taylor Cook, and Tabitha Cook 282; David Ivey, Lucey Rose Karlsberg, Meredith Ivey, Everett Ivey, and Richard Ivey 421; Thomas Evers and Anne Evers 29t; Rebekah Clay and Murph Clay 178; Emily Stutzman, Alissa Eiesland, and April Watkins 81t; Jesse P. Karlsberg, Tom George, and James George 428; Jeannette DePoy, Paula Oliver, and Zena Tucker 47t; Abigail Cannon and Rachael Geary 317; James Solheim and Jenny Solheim 318; Lisa Grayson, Pattie Wareh, and Marja Millard 36b; Tarik Wareh and Will Fitzgerald 34t; Mary Rose O'Leary, Rachel O'Leary, and Maggie Flanagan 384; Brent DeBoard, Dean Jens, and Mairye Bates 481.

Blake Sisemore and Sasha Hsuczyk led 45b. The devotional was presented by Bridge Hill Kennedy. Bridge gave three adages and encouraged campers to keep these in mind during the following week. The first was by James Michener: "Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries." The second was a Japanese Proverb: "Fall down seven times, stand up eight." And the last was by Confucious: "It doesn't matter how slow you go as long as you don't quit." Tabitha Cook offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Tuesday, July 2

Campers could elect to hike Camp Lee trails or sing on the Dining Hall porch at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast was served at 8:00 a.m.

Lesson: Rudiments I / Adult Emphasis-Advanced / Teacher: David Wright 9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. This class focused entirely on melodics. David reviewed the scale, discussed various concepts on how the scale is used, and led singing exercises to practice aspects of the scale. The class practiced singing melodic intervals and patterns, then divided into two groups to sing harmony intervals, i.e. two notes of the scale sounded simultaneously. The song on page 230 was used to illustrate the major scale. The class sang in two-part harmony, and then again in three-part harmony.

The song on page 39t was used to illustrate the minor scale. The class divided into two groups and practiced minor harmony exercises. The class asked questions, discussed topics, and then was dismissed.

Lesson: RUDIMENTS I / Adult Emphasis-Basics / Teacher: Nathan Rees 9:00 a.m. Genesis Building. Nathan welcomed the class and led the song on page 49b. He referred to page 13 of the Rudiments, defining the notes that represent the musical tones of the major scale. The class practiced singing the scale. Nathan introduced intervals of musical tone including thirds, fifths, and fourths. The class sang the song on page 146. He produced his own charts for practicing intervals and instructed the class on singing both major and minor intervals. A camper led the song on page 59. Nathan led the song on page 419. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: RUDIMENTS I / Youth Emphasis / Teacher: Lauren Bock 9:00 a.m. The Ark. Lauren welcomed the class and introduced the concepts of sound and music. The class warmed-up by practicing different volumes and pitches of musical sound. Lauren named the notes and demonstrated the major scale. The class practiced singing the scale. Lauren reviewed the aspects of a song page, noting scale activity, intervals, note durations, rhythm, and tempo. The class sang the song on page 49t and was dismissed.

Campers had snacks at 10:15 a.m. and electives, crafts, or recreation time at 10:30 a.m.

Elective: LEARNING SONGS / Adult Emphasis-Basics / Teacher: Jonathon Smith 10:45 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Jonathon welcomed the class and led 24t. He began a discussion session by asking why to learn new songs. Trying new songs or parts helps keep one from becoming complacent. The class turned to page 306 and sang the tenor line. Then the class turned to page 127, sang the tenor line, then the treble line, and finally the bass line, all with the idea of learning new intervals. Jonathon used the song on page 416 to discuss how rhythm is barred. He reviewed the song on page 268, noting the tempo relationship to poetry. Jonathon referred to the songs on pages 222 and 521, noting that the last three measures in each song are the same. He instructed that many fragments repeat in other songs throughout the book. The class was dismissed.

Elective: IMAGES OF SIN AND SALVATION / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Will Fitzgerald 10:45 a.m. Genesis Building. Will welcomed the class. The focus of the discussion during this class was the song found on page 569b “Sacred Throne”. Will pointed out that there have been many discussions about the poetry found in this song. He gave the background of the poetry and acknowledged the author, John Kent. Will led the song as it appears in *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition. There were some questions: Who is Manasseh? Mary was a very common name; which Mary? Other questions were river vs. ocean vs. flood vs. streams and plural and singular usage mixed with inconsistent verbiage. Will read John Kent’s original poetry, comparing it to the poetry printed in the book. There have been efforts to improve some of these issues for the coming new revision of *The Sacred Harp*. Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson led the song “Sacred Throne” using the proposed verses of poetry. The class was dismissed.

Campers gathered on the lawn in front of the Dining Hall for a group picture at 12:45 p.m.

Elective: REVISING THE SACRED HARP IN THE 19th CENTURY / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Jesse P. Karlsberg 1:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Jesse welcomed the class. Anton Popov led the song on page 27. Jesse referred to the hand-out he provided and discussed the differences in the 1844 edition, the 1850 edition, the 1859 edition, and the 1870 edition. He talked about the people involved in the revisions, including B.F. White, E.J. King, Edmund Dumas, and others. Jesse pointed out that the book was divided into parts: Part I consisting of pieces used by

worshipping assemblies; Part II consisting principally of pieces used in singing schools and societies; and Part III consisting of odes and anthems. Jesse talked about “The Organ”, a publication owned and edited by B.F. White, which included unpublished compositions. Abigail Cannon led “Never Turn Back” from the packet. Jesse talked about the changes that occurred to committee members after the Civil War and to the shifts of modernization. Jesse led “Farewell” and the class was dismissed.

Elective: LEARNING SONGS / Youth Emphasis / Teachers: Tom George and Gillian Inksetter 1:00 p.m. The Ark. Tom and Gillian welcomed the class and discussed why learning new songs is important and what to know to learn a new song. They led the song on page 84 to show separate parts and prompt a repeat. Kason Stone led 433 (a minor key). The song on page 42 was used to demonstrate mandatory and optional repeats. Mark Jones led 282. Gillian explained the S.T. A.R. S. concept: Signature. Tempo. Accent. Rests. [other] Stuff (such as bird’s eye on page 149). Mamie Sisemore led 101t. The class practiced songs 68b, 74b, and 399b. Grace Whitener led 152. The class was dismissed.

Campers had elective and recreation options including crafts at 2:00 p.m.

Elective: SCALES AND INTERVALS / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Gillian Inksetter 2:15 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Gillian welcomed the class and gave an overview of the subject matter. She defined scales, intervals, and melodics. The class practiced singing the major scale. There was discussion about relative pitch. The class practiced singing intervals, using exercises from the Rudiments of Music, *J.L. White Book*. Leaders: Samantha Adioetomo 358; Margaret Evey 459; Lisa Grayson 218; David Brodeur 220. Gillian discussed the minor scale and intervals. The class practiced intervals using the minor scale. Leaders: Bridge Hill Kennedy 545; Mary Rose O’Leary 411. Gillian presented the S.T. A.R. S. (Signature, Tempo, Accent, Rests, Stuff) system for learning new songs. She led 494, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: PUBLISHING THE SACRED HARP IN THE 19th CENTURY / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Rachel Hall 2:15 p.m. Genesis Building. Rachel welcomed the class. Daniel Lee led the song on page 84. Rachel gave a history of printing books, stating that John Connelly invented the commonly used four-shape note system in Philadelphia in the 1790s and Philadelphia played a large role in shape-note printing through the 1870s. Notable publishers include the firms of T.K. & P.G. Collins, who published *The Sacred Harp*, and E.W. Miller, who published *The Christian Harmony*. She used pictures to show the Collins Printing House, circa 1860. The class sang “Behold the Lamb of God” from *The Hesperian Harp*, William Houser, 1844, printed by Collins. Collins Printing had the special skills to print shape-note books to such a high caliber, cutting and pasting to form manuscripts. Rachel used slides to show employees typesetting, bookbinding, and preparing books for distribution.

Elphrey Heritage, author and bookkeeper at the Collins firm, has two songs in *The Sacred Harp*: 213b “Warning” and 489 “The Saviors Call” and one song in *The Social Harp* page 208 “Bereavement”. The class sang “Bereavement”. The class was dismissed.

Campers had snacks at 3:15 p.m.

Lesson: 1911 JAMES REVISION MAKING THE SACRED HARP MODERN / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Jesse P. Karlsberg 3:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Jesse welcomed the class. Samantha Adioetomo and Margaret Evey led 426t. Jesse introduced J.S. James as an author of music and editor of the 1911 revision of the *Original Sacred Harp*. He said that James faced two problems, one being revising the book after the death of B.F. White and two being the acceptance of historical music vs modern music. There were calls for revision of the Sacred Harp in 1899, 1902, and 1906 (following the founding of the United Sacred Harp Musical

Association by J.S. James and J.L. White). James and White go back and forth, publishing smaller music books that were not well received. The class sang “Lofitin” from the hand-out.

In 1911; James published the *Original Sacred Harp* and White published *The Sacred Harp, Fourth Edition with Supplement*. Also in 1911, the United Convention split over the use of the two books. The James book became more widely accepted because of its more modern looking cover, its collection of new and old songs, and was the most successful publication of Sacred Harp music of that time. It set a standard for future revisions. Jesse led 208, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: HOW TO BEAT THE SEVEN MODES OF TIME / Youth Emphasis / Teacher: Jonathon Smith 3:30 p.m. The Ark. Jonathon welcomed the class and led 52t. He explained the beats within measures and referred to beats as patterns. The class practiced moving hand and arm in down and up motions, i.e. 2/2 time, down/up; 3/2 time, down/down/up; and 6/4 time (compound), down/up. Jonathon and the class joined in the fishing game.

Leaders: Grace Whitener 30b; Kellen O’Neal 43; Elijah Harris 417; Calvin Jens 503; Tabitha Cook and Trinity Cook 268; Mark Jones and Taylor Cook 35; Mamie Sisemore, Vivian Ivey, and Meredith Ivey 455. The class was dismissed.

Campers had elective and recreation options and crafts at 4:30 p.m.

Elective: LEADING WORKSHOP-BEGINNERS / Adult Emphasis / Teachers: Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson 4:45 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Judy Caudle welcomed the class and led 76t. She referred to the Rudiments page 15, sections 7, 8, and 9, and talked about relative lengths of the characters found within a measure of music. Judy led and the class sang the exercise on page 14 of the Rudiments, “Joy to the World”, set to 2/4 time, and noted the characters within the measures that gave the descending scale its unique sound.

Nicholas referred to the Rudiments pages 15 and 16. He and the class marked the time for each mode represented in the exercises. Leaders: Tom Evers 503; Ru Perry-Mize 72b; Margaret Evey 138t. The class was dismissed.

Elective: KEYING MUSIC / Adult Emphasis / Teachers: David Ivey and Lauren Bock 4:45 p.m. Genesis Building. David and Lauren welcomed the class. Discussion began with why campers came to keying class and what methods are used for keying. Campers reported answers and more discussion took place. David and Lauren gave practical and constructive advice as campers practiced keying a number of different songs. The class was dismissed.

Campers gathered in the Dining Hall for supper at 6:00 p.m.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. The class was called to order by Abigail Cannon leading 101t. Ru Perry-Mize offered the evening prayer. Leaders: Lily Hammond and Orion Overstreet 77t; Bridge Hill Kennedy, Richard Ivey, and Nathan Rees 212; Karen Ivey, Vivian Ivey, Everett Ivey, Meredith Ivey, Grace Whitener, and Mamie Sisemore 30b; Rachel Speer and Ru Perry-Mize 117; Jonathon Smith, Jeannette DePoy, and Ray Turner 532; Sasha Hsuczyc, Lark Jarvis and Samantha Adioetomo 335; David Brodeur, David Wright, David Ivey, and Dave Farmer 268; Kathy Williams and Tammy Heinsohn 273; June Murph and Emily Stutzman 551; Jenny Solheim and James Solheim 472; Faiz Wareh and Cooper Sandefur 168; Bill DuPre and Will Fitzgerald 479; Abigail Thompson and Tabitha Cook 72b; Ainslie Allen and April Watkins 498; Tarik Wareh, Jose Martinez, and Matt Hinton 503; Pattie Wareh, Kelsey Ivey, and Mary Rose O’Leary 276; Rachel Hall, Rachael Geary, Rachel O’Leary, and Rachel Speer 436; Taylor Cook and Calvin Jens 282; Tom George, James George, and Blake Sisemore 138t; Landon Kiser, Mark Jones, Elijah Harris, and Kason Stone 146; Trinity Cook, Anna Hinton, Alissa Eiesland, and Esther Morgan-Ellis 148; Nicholas Thompson and Barrett Patton 336; Kinsley O’Neal, Mary O’Neal, and Shane O’Neal 59; Marja Millard and Mairye

Bates 147t; Paula Oliver and Pam Nunn 300; Judy Caudle, Gillian Inksetter, and Sarah Hill 87.

Abigail Cannon led 347 as the closing song. The campfire devotional was presented by Bill DuPre.

Wednesday, July 3

Campers could elect to hike local trails or sing on the Dining Hall porch at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast was served at 8:00 a.m.

Lesson: RUDIMENTS II / Adult Emphasis-Advanced / Teacher: David Ivey

9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. David referred to the Rudiments, page 14, chapter 2, Rhythmics. He explained the patterns in time and accent in the seven modes of time in the Sacred Harp book: three modes of common time, two modes of triple time, and two modes of compound time. There was discussion about the beats in a measure and where the accents fall in each mode of time. David stated that accent is done with the voice, not with arm movements. He also stated that effort is made to “seek the old paths, and walk therein”, so teaching is done using the Rudiments.

David and the class practiced singing and keeping time using the exercises on page 15 and 16 of the Rudiments. The class sang the song on page 512, noting the flexibility of tempo of this triple time song. Anton Popov led 323b, a song written in compound time. David gave instructions on the mysteries of time change within a song using the song on page 43 as the example. There were questions about unwritten rhythms and dotted notes. The class sang the song on page 376 as written and as customary. The class sang the songs on pages 84 and 496, noting the dotted notes that sometimes are overlooked. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: RUDIMENTS II / Adult Emphasis-Basics / Teacher: Nathan Rees

9:00 a.m. Genesis Building. Nathan welcomed the class. Campers practiced singing scales and intervals. Nathan talked about the modes of time, how to fill a measure in each mode of time, what the modes of time indicate. Nathan pointed out various songs in the book in each mode of time, noting values of characters in a measure, beats per measure, tempo, and accent. Leaders: Samantha Adioetomo 113; Margaret Evey 435; Vicki Morgan 338; Ru Perry-Mize 43; Nathan Rees 30b. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: RUDIMENTS II / Youth Emphasis / Teacher: Lauren Bock

9:00 a.m. The Ark. Lauren talked about the difference in sound between the major scale and the minor scale. The class sang the tune to “Amazing Grace” as Lauren pointed to the notes on the scale. Mark Jones and Kellen O’Neal led 274t, a minor song. The class performed a fun octave exercise with Tom George. Ten campers (Vivian, Mark, Kellen, Mamie, Lucey, Meredith, Everett, Hudson, Tabitha, and Grace) participated in an accent exercise. Lauren Bock and Kinsley O’Neal led 274t, and the class was dismissed.

Campers had snacks at 10:15 a.m. and elective, recreation, or crafts, featuring the toenail painting contest, at 10:30 a.m.

Elective: FORM/STRUCTURE IN SACRED HARP SONGS / Teacher:

David Wright 10:45 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. David Wright called the class to order leading 145b. David identified melodic patterns or forms that recur in numerous songs, such as AABA for songs with a repeat and da capo (which can be notated with a D.C. or written out), or ABCA, a common form in short meter tunes where the last phrase is identical or nearly identical to the first. Another recurring form can be seen in the song on page 89, where the final section of music combines elements from both earlier sections. In the second part of the class, David discussed fusing tunes and how they solve the problem of bringing the voices back together after the fusing entrances. The class sang the alto part and then the bass part of the song on page 224 to illustrate how the bass is slowed down (with longer time values and slurred notes) in order to end together with the alto. David suggested a visual scheme for

representing the structure of different types of fuging tunes. David invited participants to lead fuging tunes, encouraging the class to note where and how voices come back together with one or more other parts. Leaders: David Wright 36b; Lisa Grayson 419; Kathy Williams 186; Tarik Wareh 395; Vicki Morgan, Sarah Hill, and Tammy Heinsohn 455. The class was dismissed.

Elective: THE BASS PART / Teacher: Tom George 10:45 a.m. Genesis Building. Tom welcomed the class and stated that he has been singing the bass part since he was thirteen years old. He told of the first time that he sat in the bass section and that his first point of reference was Marlon Wootten. He continued stating that basses are a foundational voice part in the Sacred Harp. Without a strong bass section, the singing often sounds weak and unbalanced. He gave the class a few fun facts: the song on page 373 “Homeward Bound” has the lowest bass note in the book (E flat); page 352 “Swanton” has the highest bass note in the book; and page 442 “New Jordan” has the longest held bass note in the book. Tom discussed tone, attentiveness, and accent, giving examples of songs that can help with each point of advice. Campers volunteered to lead songs to help with tone as follows: 31t, 37b, 49b. Tom noted some ways to stay attentive: sit up straight, hold your book in your hand, watch the leader, beat time, and pay attention to what is on the page. The class sang the songs on pages 70t and 72b. Campers volunteered to lead songs with notable bass accents: 155, 36b, 300. There were questions and answers, and then the class was dismissed.

LUNCH

Lesson: SISTER SONGSMITHS-A LOOK AT THE LANCASTERS / Teachers; Lauren Bock and Sasha Hscuzyk 1:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Lauren and Sasha led 345b to bring the class together. They spoke in tandem about the lives and compositions of the Lancaster sisters. James Lancaster and his wife, Charity, lived in Georgia in the 1830s, and had three daughters: Ann, Priscilla (Sid), and Sarah. The family lived in an area where a lot of singers and composers also resided. By the mid-1800s, the girls were composing. They each have compositions in the Sacred Harp, but Sarah was by far the most prolific, composing songs in the Sacred Harp style including camp meeting songs and fugues. Sarah lived with the B.F. White family for a time and became somewhat obsessed with composition. Lauren and Sasha read excerpts from letters that passed between the sisters during this time. Leaders: Tabitha Cook, Trinity Cook, and Taylor Cook 406; Rachel O’Leary and Mary Rose O’Leary 374; Rebekah Clay, Murf Clay, Anna Hinton, and Lottie Hinton 112; Ainslie Allen and April Watkins 460. The class was dismissed.

Campers could choose recreation or elective options at 2:00 p.m.

Elective: OLNEY HYMNS / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Will Fitzgerald 2:15 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Will Fitzgerald welcomed the class and distributed copies of a handout. He spoke about the publication of Olney Hymns in February 1779. The hymns are the work of two persons: John Newton, curate of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Olney, Buckinghamshire, and William Cowper, Newton’s friend, neighbor, and lay curate. In America, Olney Hymns was published in New York in 1790 and in Philadelphia in 1791. The class sang the following selections from the handout: 268 (SoH) “Pardoning Love”; 336 (HS) “Carlisle”; 413 (ShH) “Marcia”; 106 (MH) “Iowa”; 209 (HS) “Lexington”; 99 (HS) “Union”; and two selections from *The Sacred Harp*: 397 and 45t. The class was dismissed.

Elective: MYSTERIES OF THE ALTO PART / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Rachel Hall 2:15 p.m. Genesis Building. Rachel welcomed the class and led the song on page 436. She told the class that, historically, the alto part was sung by young men and boys (women’s voices were not mentioned in early rudiments or minutes). In 1870, seventy-five percent of the book was 3-part songs. Racheal Geary led 112, one of the few 4-part songs of that time. By 1911, two hundred forty-two alto parts had

been added. In the 1991 edition, only four percent were 3-part songs. The class sang the alto part of the song on page 207, and then, sang the alto part and bass part of the song on page 421 (conservative alto). Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 383 (disruptive alto); David Wright 162 (modernizing alto); Cooper Sandefur 137 (Cooper alto, disruptive). The class sang the alto part of the song on page 83b (Denson special, mostly fa, sol, la i.e. 1, 2, 3). Dean Jens led 564 and Rachel Hall led 500. The class was dismissed.

Campers had snacks at 3:15 p.m.

Lesson: THE MEMORIAL LESSON / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Kelsey Ivey 3:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Kelsey welcomed the class and led the song on page 57. She began by talking about the different ways a person may support a singing or convention. She mentioned, specifically, serving on the memorial committee. Kelsey continued by speaking of the things that usually take place during the memorial service and ways to approach the lesson when asked to serve. She asked for participation from the class and several campers made comments about the memorial lesson. Kelsey led the song on page 129 and then introduced the memorial committee.

Ru Perry-Mize spoke in honor of the sick and shut-ins. She read the following list of names: David Light, Betty Shepherd, Chris Shepherd, Jean Toole, Beth Hall, Samuel Sommers, Bunk Beasley, Judy Henry, Joyce Walton, Marlin Beasley, Gary Gronau, Debbie Hall, Jim Hall, Nate Green, Beverly Thompson, Margaret Keeton, John Lee Van Horn, Ed Thacker, and Margaret Thacker. Cooper Sandefur led the song on 72b for the sick, homebound, and lonely.

Rachel O'Leary asked for a moment of silence. She then related her story of grief after the passing of her dad, Stephen O'Leary. She read the following list of names of the deceased: Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Jack Ivey, Chita Blakeley, Pearl Guier, Tommie Spurlock, Henry Guthery, Richard Mauldin, Jerry Kitchens, and Boyd Scott—Alabama; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Melanie Hauff—Illinois; Becky Browne—Missouri; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Jack Minton—Michigan; Marcia Klenbort—Georgia; Jeff Begley—California; John Van Duzer and Alfred Saussothe—Colorado; August Golden—Louisiana; Joanne Julia Schultz—Tennessee; Curtis Cook—Indiana; Cheryl Foreman and Miraj Parson—Texas; Esther Mann—Mississippi; Karen Evans—Florida; Bruce Inksetter—Canada. Rachel led the song on 77t in memory of the deceased. Barrett Patton offered prayer to close the memorial service. The class was dismissed.

Campers had elective and recreation options and crafts at 4:30 p.m.

Elective: LEADING WORKSHOP / Adult Emphasis / Teachers: Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson 4:45 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Nicholas Thompson welcomed the class and led 82t. Campers selected songs to lead while instructors gave feedback. Leaders: Anton Popov 217; June Murph 410t; Abigail Cannon 227; Lily Hammond 454; Rachael Geary 271t; Barrett Patton 543 (in memory of J.L. Hopper); Judy Caudle 177; Ray Turner 125; Anne Evers 447; Judith Greene 334; Bill DuPre 426t; Brent DeBoard 99. The class was dismissed.

Elective: CONVENTIONS, SINGINGS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Jesse P. Karlsberg 4:45 p.m. Genesis Building. Jesse led a panel discussion, and introduced the other panel members, David Ivey and Richard Ivey. They each talked about their history, serving in different roles in different conventions. One point made was that most singers will have an opportunity to contribute to a singing by serving as an officer or on a committee. Some of the practices observed date back to the earliest records of singing conventions while others have changed over time. Some practices vary slightly among the different singing communities. This variety can be a useful resource. Food plays an important role at singings and many conventions now have a food

committee. Other discussions included the role of Chaplain, Arranging Committee, Resolutions Committee, and Location Committee. The class was dismissed.

Supper was served in the Grove Dining Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Class Singing 7:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. The class was called to order by Trinity Cook and Mark Jones leading 56t. Prayer was offered by Elijah Harris. Leaders: Grace Whitener, Kason Stone, Lottie Hinton, Calvin Jens, and Vivian Ivey 146; Tarik Wareh, Matt Hinton, Nathan Rees, and Sash Hsuczyk 371; Landon Kiser and Idy Kiser 158; Lori Rodgers and Adrian Eldridge 198; Gillian Inksetter, Judy Caudle, and Samantha Adioetomo 384; Rebekah Clay and Nicholas Thompson 431 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Elijah Harris, Tabitha Cook, and Kellen O'Neal 59; Jonathon Smith and Lark Jarvis 57; Barrett Patton, Jesse P. Karlsberg, and Esther Morgan-Ellis 182; Marja Millard, Jenny Solheim, and Karen Swenson 183; Mairye Bates, Zena Tucker, and Kathy Williams 274t; Rachael Geary, Abigail Cannon, and Rachel O'Leary 500; Bridge Hill Kennedy, Emily Stutzman, and Lauren Bock 440; Dean Jens, Rachel Speer, and Ru Perry-Mize 63; Blake Sisemore and Kason Stone 480; Lily Hammond, Cooper Sandefur, Anton Popov, and Orion Overstreet 196; James Solheim and Daniel Lee 106; Alissa Eiesland, Sarah Hill, Mary O'Neal, and June Murph 110; Paula Oliver, Lisa Grayson, and Jeannette DePoy 448t; David Brodeur and Brent DeBoard 192; David Wright and Faiz Wareh 492; Mamie Sisemore and Beata Thompson 45t; David Ivey, Will Fitzgerald and Rachel Hall 88t; Ainslie Allen and April Watkins 546; Pattie Wareh, Mary Rose O'Leary, and Susan Lee 504; Anne Evers and Thomas Evers 135; Lucey Rose Karlsberg, Meredith Ivey, Everett Ivey, and Richard Ivey 61.

Trinity Cook and Mark Jones led 521 as the closing song. The devotional was presented by Taylor Cook, and she led 288. Kellen O'Neal offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Thursday, July 4

Lesson: RUDIMENTS III / Adult Emphasis-Advanced / Teacher: Jesse P.

Karlsberg 9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Jesse welcomed the class and led 417. He focused the discussions on Rudiments: Melodics Chapter III, Keys Chapter IV, and Dynamics Chapter V. The class turned to the song on page 412 and discussed the volume markings. Jesse led 412. The class looked to the song on page 240. There was discussion about the keys and key signatures that appeared in that song. More discussion took place on the dynamic marking duration and key changes. Jesse led 240. The next topic was accidentals and Jesse noted that the accidental syllable is usually observed, but rarely the note. Jesse led the song on page 325, and the class was dismissed.

Lesson: RUDIMENTS III / Adult Emphasis-Basics / Teacher: Nathan Rees

9:00 a.m. Genesis Building. Nathan welcomed the class. He shared a little Sacred Harp trivia with the class: the longest song in the book is "Rose of Sharon"; the shortest song in the book is "Warning"; and the lowest note in the book is found in the bass part of "Homeward Bound". The class practiced singing scales and intervals. There was discussion about the poetry in the song on page 358 "Murillo's Lesson". It has some patriotic content and was written soon after the Revolutionary War. The song on page 242 "Ode on Science" has similar historic content. The class worked on leading, and Nathan gave pointers for a better experience in the square. Nathan also made suggestions of songs beginners might be comfortable leading. Leaders: Nathan and Nancy Spates 40; Chloe Kraut and Jonathon Haug 37b. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: RUDIMENTS III / Youth Emphasis / Teacher: Lauren Bock 9:00 a.m.

The Ark. Lauren brought the class together. The class practiced singing the minor scale and minor intervals. There were two rounds of the human minor scale game. Leaders: Kinsley O'Neal 47b; Kellen O'Neal 77t; Everett Ivey 102; Grace Whitener and Vivian Ivey 146. Lauren reviewed note values and rest values. Leaders: Kason

Stone 480; Beata Thompson and Kinsley O'Neal 274t; Calvin Jens 481; Grace Whitener 152; Hudson O'Neal 76b. The class was dismissed.

Campers had snacks at 10:15 a.m. and recreation or crafts at 10:30 a.m.

Elective: DINNER ON THE GROUND / Teachers: Pam Nunn and Nicholas Thompson 10:45 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Pam and Nicholas led the song on page 528. Nicholas offered prayer. The class was invited to make dessert for the campers' supper. The dish was made with layers of graham crackers, ice cream, cool whip and then topped with chocolate sauce or caramel syrup and crushed cookies. Pam passed around recipe booklets for each camper. She and Nicholas talked in tandem about keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold, how to transport food and utensils, planning, and working smarter, not harder. The desserts were taken to the Dining Hall refrigerator, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: ACCENT / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Nathan Rees 10:45 a.m.

Genesis Building. Nathan began the discussion by asking the question: What exactly is accent? He referred to the Rudiments, page 16, paragraph 14. Accent is emphasis on certain notes in a measure. Accent helps keep the class singing together, helps propel a song along, it can connect the text to the notes, and it helps save your voice strength. The class practiced singing the exercises on pages 15 and 16 of the Rudiments, using accent in each mode of time. Nathan led the song on page 64, as the class practiced over-emphasizing the accents. There was discussion about accent producing a swing effect in some songs, and discussion about the challenge posed by high notes on unaccented beats. Nathan led 360 and 227. The class was dismissed.

LUNCH with the devotional at 12:30 p.m.

Lesson: PATRIOTIC & SECULAR SONGS IN THE SACRED HARP / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: David Ivey 1:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. David Ivey welcomed the class and led "Buonaparte" from a handout given to each camper. He led "Musgrove", both tunes written by E.R. White, 1855. Kathy Williams led "Liberty" from the handout with Jenks's original alto part. David Smead and Lily Hammond led 242 "Ode on Science". Columbia was a name used for America during the 1700s and was the primary female personification until the Statue of Liberty became the symbol. Judy Caudle led 358 "Murillo's Lesson". Lela Crowder read the full poem. SJ San Juan led 110 "Mount Vernon". Tammy Heinsohn led 479 "Chester" with additional verses from the handout. Rachel Speer led 100 "The Bower of Prayer", also with additional verses from the handout. Tarik Wareh and Cooper Sandefur led 346 "The American Star". Esther Morgan-Ellis led 227 "Ode on Life's Journey". Rachel Hall led 413 "The Loved Ones". Anne Evers led 487 "Soldier's Delight". Jonathon Smith led "Star of Columbia" from the handout. Rachel Hall led "My Country 'tis of Thee" from the handout. The class sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" *The Vocalist's Companion*, 1839, led by Jesse P. Karlsberg, and was dismissed.

Lesson: LEARNING SONGS & YOUTH MEMORIAL LESSON / Youth Emphasis / Teachers: Kelsey Ivey and Richard Ivey 1:00 p.m.

The Ark. Kelsey and Richard led 48t to bring the class to order. They spoke about the things that are included in an all-day singing, specifically, the memorial lesson. Kelsey explained the sick and shut-ins list, and what is meant by sick and shut in. Richard talked about the list made for the deceased, and explained that, customarily, a name is placed on the list for one year. The class signed cards to be sent to Sam and Beth, and for Karen and Beverly. Leaders: Mary O'Neal, Hudson O'Neal, Kellen O'Neal, and Kinsley O'Neal 374 (for Granny); Everett Ivey, Meredith Ivey, Grace Whitener, and Vivian Ivey 384 (in memory of Coy Ivey); Ainslie Allen 498 (in memory of her great-grandfather, Harrison Creel); Elijah Harris 389 (in memory of his great-grandfather, Lonnie Rogers); Nicholas Thompson 76t (in memory of J.L. Hopper); Tom George and Mamie Sisemore 68b; Kellen O'Neal 149; Everett Ivey 39b (in memory of his great-grandmother, Marie Ivey); Barrett Patton 490 (in memory of his great-

grandmother, Bob Greeson); Calvin Jens 284; Anna Hinton and Lottie Hinton 503; Kelsey Ivey and Alex Forsyth 381 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes). The class was dismissed.

Campers could choose recreational options, crafts, or electives at 2:00 p.m.

Elective: FASOLA EXPLODER / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Tom George 2:15 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Tom George welcomed the class and explained that Exploder means taking apart songs and seeing the nuance and detail of what makes them what they are. This class applied this approach to five of the most-led songs and five of the least-led songs. Tom George led the song on page 155, one of the top ten, and an example of a song with a memorable and compelling cadence at the end. All of the songs for today's lesson end with the same cadence. Sarah George led 475, a song added in 1991 that has risen to the top. Bridge Hill Kennedy led the song on page 463. It is a fugue in form, but only by entering parts at staggered points on a rhythmically unified text. It also includes unusual inversions in its chord structure (this tune is among the bottom ten). Kathy Williams led the song on page 503 (among the top ten). The tune uses many familiar chords and progressions from *The Sacred Harp*, but also some innovative and unexpected ones. Nathan Rees led 413. The music is unusual with strange inversions and parallel octaves, but resolves in a perfect, authentic cadence that suggests the idea of resolution as the father, the subject of the poetry passes away. This tune is among the least used ones. Leaders: Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson 450; Faiz Wareh 142; David Smead 449; Samantha Adioetomo and Kathy Williams 437; Sarah Hill 178. The class was dismissed.

Elective: HOW DID WE GET TO FA-SOL-LA-MI? A BRIEF HISTORY OF SOLFEGE / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: Esther Morgan-Ellis 2:15 p.m. Genesis Building. Esther welcomed the class. Solfège is great for identifying relationships between different notes in music. It helps the learner understand and recognize patterns. The system was developed for Gregorian chant. Guido d'Arezzo wrote a very important medieval treatise (essay) and he is widely credited with developing the modern Western musical notation system. Guido d'Arezzo was a medieval music theorist who lived in the 11th century. He taught choir boys to sing using a four-note system, adding a higher and lower note to create a six-note hexachord scale. Many competing texts were used to supply the hexachord syllable with euphonious results. People used mutations of hexachords for hundreds of years. Until Mozart's time, hexachords were still in use. There was no practical jump to scales until the 18th century. The class was dismissed.

Lesson: LEMONADE MAKING & WATERMELON / All 3:15 p.m. House Lawn. Alex Forsyth and Blake Sisemore supervised youth campers in the squeezing of lemons and adding spring water and sugar to make an icy cold, refreshing drink for everyone to enjoy. Blake and Alex gave a talk on the historical importance of treats such as ice-cold lemonade at Sacred Harp singings. Wedges of sweet watermelon were also served. A good time of relaxation and fellowship was had by all.

Elective: SACRED HARP HARMONY / Adult Emphasis / Teacher: David Wright 4:15 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. David discussed Judy Hauff's concepts of "thick" (rich, full, sweet) and "thin" chords from previous Camps. David reviewed the chart of chords from page 22 of the Rudiments and discussed aspects of chord "voicing" such as inversions of chords, doubling of notes, and spacing of the notes in a chord. The class sang 348b as a song that uses a variety of contrasting voicings (open chords/dyads, full triads, and inversions) of a single chord. The songs on pages 49b and 503 are examples of songs that use mainly standard or "thick" voicings, while 163t uses unusual voicings and discords. Leaders: Daniel Lee 49b; Cooper Sandefur 503; Samantha Adioetomo 163t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 547. Participants offered

comments about the sounds of various chords in these pieces. Daniel Lee led 489 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Elective: SCRIPTURE VERSES / Adult Emphasis / Teachers: Karen Rollins and Nathan Rees 4:15 p.m. The Ark. Nathan Rees introduced Karen Rollins. She explained that she used to think the songwriters initiated the use of scripture verses attached to the songs. She started looking in different books, and some had Bible verses, and some did not. She showed many books she had in her collection. Nathan said there has been discussion about the Bible verses in the context of revising the Sacred Harp book. *The Sacred Harp* did not include biblical verses until 1911, in the new, modern, state of the art J.S. James book. Verses may have been added that didn't correspond all that well to the content of the song. There was discussion about how these verses could be used by future singers, such as exploration, memorial lessons, etc. The class generally noted that the verses were useful and should continue. The class was dismissed.

Community Singing 7:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. The class was called to order by Esther Morgan-Ellis and Sarah Hill leading 31t. Emily Stutzman offered the evening prayer. Leaders: Anton Popov, Faiz Wareh, and James Solheim 49t; Pam Nunn, Lori Rodgers, and Kellen O'Neal 274t; Rene Greene and Margaret Evey 542; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 359; Garrett Morton and Shane Brown 383; Matthew Cook, Trinity Cook, Tabitha Cook, and Taylor Cook 59; Adrian Eldridge and Amy Bennett 99; Vicki Morgan and Karen Swenson 178; Sarah George, Tom George, and James George 208; Jonathon Haug and Blake Sisemore 47b; Tammy Heinsohn and Zena Tucker 479; Rebekah Clay and Murf Clay 457; Shane O'Neal and Kinsley O'Neal 235; Lark Jarvis and Kathy Williams 142; Cassie Allen and Ainslie Allen 192; Beata Thompson, Tabitha Cook, Gillian Inksetter, and Lottie Hinton 45t; Brent DeBoard and Dave Farmer 455; Jenny Solheim, Bill DuPre, and Daniel Lee 65; Kason Stone and Kellen O'Neal 143; Idy Kiser and Jeannette DePoy 472; Rachel Speer, Mary O'Neal, and Emily Stutzman 101t; Orion Overstreet and David Brodeur 228; Taylor Cook and Anna Hinton 159; Lela Crowder and Pattie Wareh 110; Dean Jens, Calvin Jens, and Rachel Hall 481; Susan Lee, Anne Evers, and Thomas Evers 117; Esther Morgan-Ellis, Jose Martinez, and Cooper Sandefur 168; Lily Hammond 452 (in memory of Brett Martin); David Wright and Jesse P. Karlsberg 32b; SJ San Juan and Sasha Hsuczyk 236; Nicholas Thompson, Rachael Geary, and Abigail Cannon 112; Ru Perry-Mize, Bridge Hill Kennedy, June Murph, and Samantha Adioetomo 448b; Alissa Eiesland, Matt Hinton, Will Fitzgerald, and Erica Hinton 105; Alex Forsyth, Blake Sisemore, Mamie Sisemore, and Barrett Patton 137; Maggie Flanagan, Lisa Grayson, and Mary Rose O'Leary 163t; Judy Caudle, Sarah Hill, Nathan Rees, Tarik Wareh, and Jonathon Smith 564; Mark Jones, Marja Millard, Elijah Harris, and Landon Kiser 148; Lauren Bock, Lucey Rose Karlsberg, and Harriette Karlsberg 186; Grace Whitener, Vivian Ivey, Everett Ivey, David Ivey, Meredith Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, Richard Ivey, Karen Ivey, and Allison Ivey 176b. Esther Morgan-Ellis and Sarah Hill led 414 as the closing song. Rachel O'Leary offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Friday, July 5

Campers met with David Ivey in the Ark. The class sang 62, while taking the parting hand. Camp was dismissed with prayer.

Camp Director—David Ivey

LEWES SACRED HARP SINGING DAY

South Malling Parish Church, Lewes, Sussex, United Kingdom

Saturday, July 6, 2024

The annual Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day was called to order by Rachel Jordan leading 52t. The opening prayer was offered by Jean Mahoney. Leaders: Nick Hall

68b; Rob Mahoney 86; Ian Lamb 28b; Natalie Edelman 503; Iain Paxon 28t; Werner Ullah 49t; Eleanor Callaghan 39t; Will Spendlove 492; Neil Horlock 65; Steve Welch 569t; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 117; Jacqui Selby 82t; Martina Bador 268; Seth Dickens 47t; Wilfrid Wood 56b; Teresa Maguire 67; Jacqui Knowles 111b; Emily Bador 445; Scarlett Lassoff 448t.

RECESS

The second session commenced with Nick Hall leading 146. Leaders: Arthur Swindells 477; Will Spendlove 435; Natalie Edelman 547; Ian Lamb 551; Werner Ullah 448b; Jacqui Selby 134; Neil Horlock 324; Eleanor Callaghan 159; Teresa Maguire 31t.

Seth Dickens spoke for the following sick and housebound: MaryLou Farmer, Peter Polish, Julie Harris, Brian Jaques, Ann Lawrence, Sam Lawrence, Gavin Lawrence, David Schildkamp, Sheila Girling Macadam, Nicki Macadam, Jan Green, Cynthia Park, Robin Nicholson, Ted Simonds, Susanne Rolli, Ram Ramamurthy, Stephanie Ramamurthy, Clive Woolf, Megan Streb and Emily Georgliou. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Helen Dent, Emily Webster, Dawn Jeffrey, Louise Wilson, Christine Battell, John White, Kinky Friedman, Steven Black, Jim Beggs and Tony Briffa, and led 348t in their honour. Rob Mahoney closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Singing resumed with Rowan Simms leading 538. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 565; Nigel Bowley 73b; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 135; Wilfrid Wood 122; Rob Mahoney 535; Steve Welch 147b; Brenda Bowley 101b. Ian Lamb offered Grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Nick Hall leading 350. Leaders: Jacqui Knowles 340; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 121; Scarlett Lassoff 384; Martina Bador 282; Arthur Swindells 440; Wilfrid Wood 274t; Iain Paxon 183; Rachel Jordan 189; Emily Bador 418; Werner Ullah 457; Jacqui Selby 141; Teresa Maguire 276; Nick Hall 105; Eleanor Callaghan 481; Wilfrid Wood 339; Rowan Simms 479; Will Spendlove 49b; Brenda Bowley 99; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 334; Seth Dickens 198.

RECESS

Rob Mahoney brought the class back to order for the last session leading 209.

Leaders: Connie Des Marais 505; Neil Horlock 504; Ian Lamb 287; Emily Bador 480; Nigel Bowley 47b; Scarlett Lassoff 277; Sebastian May 442; Steve Welch 489; Iain Paxon 187; Jacqui Knowles 163b; Arthur Swindells 441; Martina Bador 30t; Rachel Jordan 472; Ian Lamb 569b; Neil Horlock 400; Werner Ullah 313b; Connie Des Marais 318. Announcements were made.

Rachel Jordan thanked all who had helped in any way to make this singing possible, and then she and Nick Hall led 347 as the closing song. Milly Murphy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Rachel Jordan; Secretary—Nick Hall

PIONEER VALLEY SINGING

Sunderland, Massachusetts

Saturday, July 6, 2024

The 22nd annual Pioneer Valley All-Day Singing was called to order by Will Harron leading 47t. Anna Bowen offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Kate Bergren 84; Becca Hawkins 131b; Christine Andrews 30t; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 171; Crispin Youngberg 87; Mark Bedard 348b; Wendy Sibbison 220; Nic Tuff 33b; MB Gowins 276; Brian Zayatz and Matthew Leger-Small 448b; Tim Eriksen 39t; Anna Bowen 376; Rick Johnston 59; Anais Wright 189; Mary Andrews 384.

RECESS

The second session was called to order by Marie Brandis leading 29t. Leaders: Joel Rosen 270; Margaret Hughes 379; Guy Banks 538; Joan Frankel 414; Magdalena Zapedowske 556; Leland Reimer and family 144; Owen Stoddard 228; Nicandra Galper 99; Peter Irvine 217; John Holbrook 354t; Rob Arbelo 162; Tim Gregg 79; Angela Ruggiero-Corliss 440; Ryan Karopka 344; Stina Soderling 564.

RECESS

The third session was called to order by Jeremy Galvagni leading 175. Leaders: Erin Fulton 93; Lizzy Dunn 335; Margaret Youngberg 460; Gary Ryan 385t; Colleen Hayes 70b; Tristan Gordon 215; Michaela Natal 317; Pippa Stoddard 498; Ron Trial 497; Kerry Cullinan 507; Becky Wright 326.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Magdalena Zapedowske and Matthew Leger-Small. Magdalena Zapedowske provided the lesson for the sick and shut-ins and led 146 in their honor. Matthew Leger-Small provided the lesson for the deceased and read the following list of names: Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; Scott Swanton and Suellen Leonard—North Carolina; Laura Martin—Washington; Tony Parkes, Christine Robb, Ron Woodland, and Jim Heflin—Massachusetts; Corine Robinson—Connecticut; Willa—Vermont; Curtis Cook—Indiana; Earl Ballinger and Henry Guthery—Alabama; Ray Namie—Virginia; Emily Mechlinburg—Maine. Matthew led 390 in their honor. Allison Steel led 499.

LUNCH

The fourth session was called to order by Wendy Sibbison leading 399b. Leaders: Gwen Gethner 145t; Guy Banks and Anna Bowen 481; Sarah Maika 198; Lilly Israel 112; Deidra Montgomery 532; John Davis 475; Kelly Taylor 142; Kelly House 542; Bill Holt 419; Jennie Brown 411; Elsa Phemayotin 426t; Mike Nord 214; Wyn Batson 434; George Sigut 122; Gerald Clark and Molly Merrett 101b; Tim Gregg 375; Quasar Phoenix 309; Marie Brandis 216; Alec Collins 417; Stina Soderling 448t; Joseph Dunn 300; Charles Biada and Michael Ipsen 203.

RECESS

The final session was called to order by Crispin Youngberg leading 47b. Leaders: Linda Shea 480; Sue Peters 515; Jacob Hamidi 365; Sage Chase-Dempsey 272; Yael Farshish 428; Sebastian Beaghen 569b; Micah John Walter and Laurie Tupper 425; Andrew Daube 449; Corey Walters 168; Jeremy Galvagni 36b; Sue Dierks and Peter Irvine 45t; Molly Merrett, Mike Nord, and Freya 129; Mary Andrews and Christine Andrews 76b; Tim Eriksen and Kelly House 137; Tristan Gordon 441; The Jamulus Singers 474; Gwen Gethner and Charles Biada 102. A short business meeting was held.

Will Harron, Kate Bergren, and Becca Hawkins led 62 as the closing song. Anna Bowen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Will Harron; Vice Chairperson—Kate Bergren; Secretary—Becca Hawkins

VICTORIAN SACRED HARP SINGING

Melbourne, Australia

Saturday, July 6, 2024

The 9th annual Victorian All-Day Singing was held at the bluestone hall of Brunswick Uniting Church, Sydney Road, Brunswick, Victoria (Australia). The outgoing Chairman, Shawn Whelan, led 31t as the opening song. Shawn welcomed singers and then taught an introductory singing school on the history, style and purpose of Sacred Harp singing and practice. The singing school included practice of the major and minor scales and singing of 162.

Leaders: Lauren Reader 49t; Chris Phillips 503; Myfanwy Godfrey 178; Angharad Davis 176b; Aaron Jelbart 535; Grant Diffey 268; Meg Quinlisk 344; Natalie Sims 448b.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Melanie Albrecht; Deputy Chairman—Natalie Sims; Secretary—Lauren Reader; Chaplain and Memorial Lesson—Chris Phillips; Treasurer—Myfanwy Godfrey; Arranging Committee—Angharad Davis and Natalie Sims; Registration Committee—Ian Mack; Food Coordinator—Myfanwy Godfrey. Melanie Albrecht led 47b.

RECESS

Shawn Whelan led 540 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lauren Reader 276; Grant Diffey 236; Chris Phillips 148; Meg Quinlisk 110; Natalie Sims 26; Myfanwy Godfrey 146; Angharad Davis 204; Aaron Jelbart 282; Shawn Whelan 475; Lauren Reader 99; Meg Quinlisk 492; Natalie Sims 224; Grant Diffey 271b; Chris Phillips 347; Aaron Jelbart 45t; Myfanwy Godfrey 38t; Angharad Davis 349; Shawn Whelan 348t; Meg Quinlisk 380. Chris Phillips offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Lauren Reader led 131b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Chris Phillips and Alexis Halversen 254; Shawn Whelan 56b; Jill Griffiths 84; Angharad Davis 387; Meg Quinlisk 198; Natalie Sims 112; Shawn Whelan 142; Myfanwy Godfrey 277; Lauren Reader 472; Chris Phillips 319; Angharad Davis 553; Meg Quinlisk 550; Jill Griffiths 117.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Chris Phillips. The following sick and shut-ins were named: Morag Logan, Peter Rayner, Naomi Colville, Guinefort, Penni Diffey, Margaret Davis, and Em Chandler. Chris Phillips led 400. The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Amanda Stevenson, Tom Whelan, Kwajo Mensa, Rosemary Crossley, Neil Thompson, Catherine McLean. Lauren Reader led 122.

Leaders: Natalie Sims 32b; Angharad Davis 34t; Shawn Whelan 430; Myfanwy Godfrey 288; Meg Quinlisk 432.

RECESS

Chris Phillips led 311 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Natalie Sims 269; Lauren Reader 299; Jill Griffiths 155; Meg Quinlisk 383; Myfanwy Godfrey 203; Shawn Whelan 567; Angharad Davis 500; Chris Phillips 442; Natalie Sims 547; Lauren Reader 209; Jill Griffiths 40; Angharad Davis and Meg Quinlisk 532; Chris Phillips and Joel Meadows 107; Lauren Reader, Alexis Halversen, Natalie Sims and Angharad Davis 106; Myfanwy Godfrey, Shawn Whelan, Jill Griffiths, Melanie Albrecht, Alexis Halversen, Ruth McNamara and Alex McNamara 274t.

Melanie Albrecht thanked those who worked hard to make the all-day singing happen, including officers, committee members, and the singing school teacher. The Secretary reported that more than Twenty-two singers from two states had sung sixty-six songs led by thirteen leaders. The Treasurer reported that donations had been received. Announcements were made, and thanks were given, especially to the visiting singers.

Melanie Albrecht led 340 as the closing song. Chris Phillips offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Melanie Albrecht; Deputy Chairperson—Natalie Sims; Secretary—Lauren Reader

HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION **Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama** **July 6-7, 2024** **Saturday, July 6**

The Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in July. The class was called to order by Scott Ivey leading 82t.

Barrett Patton offered the opening prayer. Scott Ivey welcomed the class, made a few announcements, and then led 31b.

Leaders: Shane Wootten 111t (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Nicholas Thompson 192 (for David Light and Marlin Beasley); Cindy Tanner 436; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 480; Linda Sides 475; Alissa Eiesland and Nick Dilley 106; Terry Wootten 317 (in memory of Eulas Ivey); Brent DeBoard 99; Susan Lee and Samantha Adioetomo 349; Faiz Wareh 391; Jeff James 547; Amy Wells 182; Lisa Grayson 222; Idy Kiser and Nance Spates 49t; Bill DuPre 229; Anders Wells 110; Garrett Hendon 30b; Dave Farmer 209.

RECESS

Shane Wootten brought the class back together by leading 56t. Leaders: David Wright 316; Jerry Turlington 203; Danny Creel 428; Rachel O'Leary and Mary Rose O'Leary 384; Phil Summerlin 348b; Deborah Taube 344; Daryl Chesney 340; Gillian Inksetter and Lela Crowder 187; Orion Overstreet 208; Georgianna Presnell 282; LaRue Lankford 465 (CB); Lori Rodgers 162; Dean Jens and Rachel Speer 372; Karen Swenson 168; Mary Morrison Shoulders 87.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Scott Ivey leading 345b. Leaders: Tarik Wareh 403; Sarah Hill 551; Landon Kiser and Calvin Jens 186; Darlene Dalton, Tim Dalton, and Rodney Dalton 285t; Pattie Wareh 228; Wanda Everett and Emily Stutzman 63; Margaret Evey and Samantha Adioetomo 338; Mark Godfrey 564; Karen Rollins and Denny Rogers 171; Dami Osoba 444; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 442; Mark Brown 47b; Tom George, Sarah George, and James George 111b; David Carlton 538; Lauren Bock 272; Jane Cannon 546. Shane Brown asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scott Ivey leading 108b. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 373; Ellen Ray 319; Sasha Hsuczky 542; Barrett Patton and Garrett Morton 328; Cooper Sandefur 163t; Anna Hinton and Lottie Hinton 383; Everett Ivey 215; Mamie Sisemore 59; Lucey Rose Karlsberg, Meredith Ivey, and Duncan Ivey 196; Abigail Cannon and Chloe Katherine Kraut 129; Taylor Cook 354b; Reba Windom, Pam Nunn, Judy Caudle, and Shelby Castillo 216; Matt Hinton 217; Alex Forsyth and Rachael Geary 426b; Stefani Priskos 430; Dennis George 550; Adrian Eldridge and Orion Overstreet 499 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Loyd Ivey, Marian Biddle, Theresa Bethune, and Lilly Underwood 283.

RECESS

The results of the annual election of officers was announced by Dennis George as follows: Chairman—Scott Ivey; Vice Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Secretary—Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, Allison Ivey, Stuart Ivey, Brooklyn Ivey, and Meredith Ivey 37b; Louis Hughes 565; Jonathon Smith 476; Ru Perry-Mize and Hanna Peco 159; Maddy Mullaney and Sara Adams 57; Jesse P. Karlsberg 88t; Butch White 86; Nathan Rees and Mairye Bates 312b; Daniel Lee 489; Leigh Cooper 156; Vivian Ivey and Meredith Ivey 46; Esther Morgan-Ellis 306; Samuel Williams 211; Lily Hammond and Miriah Miller 107; Shane Brown 300; Sarah Lynne Gershon 89; Rosie Sokolov 337; Stuart Ivey, Richard Ivey, Allison Ivey, and Duncan Ivey 472; Prisca Rice and Cheyenne Ivey 318; Kelsey Ivey 419; Cassie Allen and Rodney Ivey 500.

Scott Ivey and Blake Sisemore led 179 as the closing song. Louis Hughes dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, July 7

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention began with Scott Ivey leading 70t. The opening prayer was offered by Marty Wootten.

Leaders: Scott Ivey 85; Blake Sisemore 171; Cindy Tanner 269; Rodney Ivey 512; Dennis George 77t; Theresa Westmoreland 299; Cooper Sandefur 168; David Carlton 496; Paula Henderson 75; Jerry Turlington 68b; Erice Hinton 204; Daniel Lee 106; Pam Nunn 200; Butch White 287; Adrian Eldridge 422; Louis Hughes 448t; David Ivey 505; Ru Perry-Mize 117; Sarah Lynne Gershon 504; Vicki Morgan 503; Samuel Williams 502; Sierra Carvalho and Rachael Geary 410t; Prisca Rice and Jayden Hunt 74b; Judy Caudle 530; Leigh Cooper 511.

RECESS

Blake Sisemore led 76b to bring the class together. Leaders: David Smead and Lisa Bennett 202; Clark Williams 392; Wayne Wootten, Cynthia Wootten, Hank Oliver, and Anna Oliver 276; Abigail Cannon 227; Everett Ivey 421; Jane Cannon 527; Garrett Morton 440 (in memory of Leonard Lacy); Larry Ballinger and Lisa Geist 224; Ann Jett and Barrett Patton 327; Rebekah Gilmore 411; Nicholas Thompson and Lisa Geist 304 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Esther Morgan-Ellis 56b. The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins and Tony Ivey. Karen spoke referring to the poetry of the song “Showers of Blessings”. She read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Brenda Waters, Wanda Capps, Marlin Beasley, Betty Shepherd, Chris Shepherd, Beverly Thompson, Donna Downen, Joyce Walton, Karleen Williams, David Light, Bunk Beasley, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Mike Hinton, and Don Bowen.

Karen read aloud the following list of names of the deceased: Ozella Blackmon, Jack Ivey, Earl Ballinger, Richard Mauldin, Henry Guthery, Jerry Kitchens, Tommie Spurlock, Geraldine Sharpton, Carol Fannin, and Gaston White—Alabama; Cora Beasley Jones and Mel Kersey—Tennessee; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Marcia Klenbort, Brett Martin, and Ted Huddleston—Georgia; Jennifer Smith—Oregon; Reed Schilbach—Washington; John Van Duzer—Colorado; Curtis Cook—Indiana; Jack Minton—Michigan; Joseph Clarke Williams, Sr—New Jersey; Scott Swanton—North Carolina; Christian Oliver Schlegel and Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; Karen Walker and Jeannie McLerie—New Mexico; Bruce Inksetter—Canada.

Tony Ivey spoke of time swiftly rolling on and looking forward to meeting again. Tony and Karen led 146 and 83b. Tony offered prayer to close the memorial service. Leaders: Matt Hinton 138b; Shane Brown and Jamie Wootten 197; Mark Godfrey 83t; Stefani Priskos 370; Stuart Ivey 155; Kelsey Ivey and Chloe Kraut 193; Sasha Hsuczyc 126.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Scott Ivey leading 47t. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 423; Tom George 296; Jackie Tanner 477; Anna Hinton 430; Alex Forsyth and Barrett Patton 460; Rosie Sokolov 426b; Elene Stovall 498; Reba Window and Avery Gass 101t; Chris Ballinger 177; Maddy Mullaney 195; Meredith Ivey 153; Sarah George 456; Nathan Rees 181; Lauren Bock 286; Tarik Wareh and Pattie Wareh 373; Jesse P. Karlsberg 522; Lisa Geist 273; Linda Sides 454; Miriah Miller 284; Susan Lee 107; Faiz Wareh 275t; Marty Wootten and Lorie Wootten 73t; Hayden Wootten and Jared Wootten 40; Larry Brasher 87; Mark Carroll 99; Tim Dalton and Cassie Allen 33b; Cheyenne Ivey 432; Sybil Adams 472; Winfred Kerr 225t; Shane Wootten and Donna Wootten 314; Tony Ivey and Sandy Ivey 57; Loyd Ivey, Marian Biddle, Theresa Bethune, and Lilly Underwood 501 (CB); Jenny Mann 198; Annie Grace Wootten 354b; Cassie Allen 189; Shane Wotten 518 (CB); Rodney Ivey 465 (CB).

Scott Ivey and Blake Sisemore led 62 as the closing song. Shane Wootten offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Scott Ivey; Vice Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

JOHN C. CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL
The Open House, Brasstown, Cherokee County, North Carolina
Saturday, July 13, 2024

The annual John C. Campbell Folk School All-Day singing took place in Brasstown, North Carolina, on Saturday before the second Sunday in July. Stefani Priskos taught an introductory singing school for new singers prior to the singing. Bill Hogan called the class to order leading 51 (CH), welcomed the singers, and offered the opening prayer.

Selections from *The Christian Harmony* (2010). Leaders: Bill Hogan 91 (CH); Nancy Hogan 493b (CH), 214 (CH); Judy Mincey 304 (CH), 50 (CH); Jonathan Wood 548 (CH), 159t (CH); Mary Baumeister 119 (CH), 108 (CH); David Smead 434 (CH), 380 (CH); Shawn Taylor 64 (CH), 82b (CH); Michael Spencer 193 (CH), 401b (CH).

RECESS

Selections from *The Sacred Harp* (1991). Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 48b, 113; Cooper Sandefur 163t, 168; Lisa Bennett 106, 107; Jared Mooney 42 (CH), 336t (CH); Jane Cannon 213t, 454; Emma Parrish 335, 276; Chris Wilhelm 119, 77t; Amie Slate and Esther Morgan-Ellis 455, 34b; Maddy Mullany 100, 530; Lily Hammond 46, 178; Eli Snyder 189, 318. Judy Mincey offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Selections from *The Sacred Harp* (1991). Leaders: Stefani Priskos 378t, 208; Bill Hogan 384, 383; Judy Mincey 180, 475; Michael Spencer 370, 420; Mary Baumeister 184, 415; Shawn Taylor 461, 503; Nancy Hogan and Fred Pupkey 309, 171; Jonathan Wood 313b, 45b; David Smead 121, 79; Esther Morgan-Ellis 111b, 225b; Amie Slate and Esther Morgan-Ellis 535, 39t; Cooper Sandefur 268, 49t.

RECESS

Selections from *The Christian Harmony* (2010). Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 462t (CH), 362 (CH); Will Peeples 88 (CH), 344 (CH); Eli Snyder 281 (CH), 172 (CH); Paul Mooney 189 (CH), 70b (CH); Lisa Bennett 358 (CH), 309 (CH); Lily Hammond 142 (CH), 109 (CH); Jane Cannon 8 (CH), 316 (CH); Maddy Mullany 492b (CH), 138 (CH); Emma Parrish 184 (CH), 419t (CH); Stefani Priskos and Amber Benton 171 (CH); Stefani Priskos 19 (CH); Judy Mincey 547 (CH). Announcements were made.

Bill Hogan, Nancy Hogan, Stefani Priskos, and Esther Morgan-Ellis led 170 (CH) as the closing song. Bill Hogan dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hogan; Secretary—Stefani Priskos

MONTREAL SINGING
Kensington Church, Notre-Dame-De-Grâce, Montréal, Québec
Saturday, July 13, 2024

The 6th session of the Montreal All-Day singing was called to order by Indigo Micciche and Philippe Doyle-Gosselin leading 99. Sunny Doyle offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Philippe Doyle-Gosselin; Co-chairman—Indigo Micciche; Secretary—Molly-Claire Gillett; Arranging Committee—Esther Wade; Finance Committee—Lari Jalbert. All songs were from the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp*.

Leaders: Lari Jalbert 114; Sunny Doyle 34t; Jamie

Ross 142; Mishi Briand 172; Molly-Claire Gillett 371; Hugh Thomas 474; Esther Wade 171; Kit Walsh 89; Laurence Vézina and Em Ekelund 218; Ariane Roberge 290; Anabel Gravel Chabot 90; Annie-Lou Chester 479; Anya Skibbie 475; Nicole Collins 182; Rachel Rudy 548.

RECESS

Kerry Cullinan called the class back to order leading 70t. Leaders: Philou Fortier 50b; Margaret Youngberg 280; névé dumas 406; David Rosenberg 189; Crispin Youngberg 53; Erica Martinez 504; Alec Collins 72b; Matthew Léger-Small 328; Robert Stoddard 373; Nathalie Leonard 178; David Brodeur 329; Michaela Natal 477; Lari Jalbert 319; Elizabeth Stoddard 57; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 428; Marie Brandis 168; Andy Ditzler 423; Judy Contampassis and Henry Kellogg 146; Sage Chase Dempsey 196; Evan Landon 38b; Robin Luckwaldt 445.

RECESS

Em Ekelund welcomed the class back leading 163t. Leaders: Rachel Farber 214; Chloe Martin and Indigo Micciche 59; Linda Shea 430; Edouard Beaudry and Mishi Briand 304; Leah Velleman 122; Susan Smiley 87; Patrick Friesen 227; Jean Rosenberg 254; Lael Birch 361; Jamie Ross 30b; Hannah Kaya and Ariane Roberge 472; Kerry Cullinan 91; névé dumas 76t; Alec Collins 384; David Rosenberg 268; Philou Fortier 503; Erica Martinez 448t; Klara Longfellow 274t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Anabel Gravel Chabot leading 275t. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 228; Em Ekelund 165; Robert Stoddard 456; Margaret Youngberg 212; Anya Skibbie 573; David Brodeur 528; Michaela Natal 480; Elizabeth Stoddard 454; Sunny Doyle 385b; Crispin Youngberg 220; Marie Brandis 216; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 532; Anne Evers 26; Matthew Léger-Small 360; Lari Jalbert 551; Leah Velleman 300; Tom Evers 74b; Linda Shea 429; Meredith Brown 335; Rachel Farber 375; Lael Birch 455; Nathan Ferguson 175.

RECESS

Philippe Doyle-Gosselin brought the class together by leading 176t. Leaders: Edouard Beaudry 444; Nichole Collins 36b; Stuart Jackson 207; Rachel Rudy 336; Natalie Leonard 417; Sage Chase-Dempsey 183; Jean Rosenberg 546; Patrick Friesen 30t; Evan Landon 535; Judy Contompasis and Henry Kellogg 95; Hugh Thomas and Annie-Lou Chester 327; Meredith Brown and Molly-Claire Gillett 39t; Tom Evers and Anne Evers 547; Esther Wade, Philippe Doyle-Gosselin, and Maeve Wade-Gosselin 436; Robin Luckwaldt, Jamie Ross, David Ross, and Heather Ross 383.

The treasurer thanked the class for their generosity as the expenses have been met. The secretary reported that fifty-four leaders for a total of seventy-seven registered singers from three provinces and nine states sang ninety-six songs. Meredith Browne as resolutions committee thanked the officers and committees and resolved to meet at Kensington Church in Montréal on Saturday before the second Sunday in July 2025.

Indigo Micciche and Philippe Doyle-Gosselin led 62 as the closing song. Sunny Doyle offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Philippe Doyle-Gosselin; Co-chairperson—Indigo Micciche;
Secretary—Molly Claire Gillett

SCOTLAND SINGING

Polwarth Parish Church, Edinburgh, Scotland

Saturday, July 13, 2024

The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Anne Altringham and Jan Geerts leading 171. A prayer was offered by Alison Cole. Leaders: Karen Turner 63; Eimear Maguire 114; Scott Morrison 417; Calum Parker 61; Ollie Hawker 162; Heather Thompson 28t; Viv Imrie O'Duffy 99; Margaret Bradshaw 150; Naomi Russell 31t; Hannah Coutts 146; Phil Tyler 430; Jo-anne Carlyle 87.

RECESS

Ruth Holman called the class back together leading 47t. Leaders: Claire Welford 472; Martin Rodger 277; Al Williams 65; Calum Parker 37b; Werner Ullah 28b; Sandy Semenoff 161; Helen Barber 344; Johannes Sauer 285t; Eleanor Jones-McAuley 551; Derek Buckland 70t; Anne Altringham 556; Patrick Williams 270; Ellen Foster 178.

RECESS

Jan Geerts called the class back together leading 40. Leaders: Hyke Sakaras 163b; Ruth Holman 47b; Michel Mittelsteiner 300.

Al Williams conducted the memorial and the sick and housebound lesson leading 473 in their honour. The following list of names of the sick and housebound was read aloud: Eddie MacIntyre, Debora Davison, Peter Polish, Kate Bainbridge, Cath Tyler, and Tage Andersson. The following list of names of the deceased was read aloud: Eva Striebeck, Dorothy Landskroener, Richard Maudlin, P Dan Brittain, Dan Burk, Uschi Nolte, Helen Dent, Emily Webster, Dawn Jeffrey, Keith Scott, Mark Casey, Kevin Parker, Carlos Da Silva, and Mikael Svendstam.

Leaders: Karen Turner 30t; Phil Tyler 320; Jo-anne Carlyle 547; Scott Morrison 58; Eimear Maguire 481; Sandy Semenoff 448t; Heather Thompson 186; Naomi Russell 76t. Joan Gordon said Grace prior to lunch.

LUNCH

Calum Parker called the class back together leading 228. Leaders: Derek Buckland 123b; Werner Ullah 457; Helen Barber 191; Susannah Gill 272; Eleanor Jones-McAuley 284; Phil Tyler 269; Patrick Williams 183; Ellen Foster 159; Johannes Sauer 182; Claire Welford 56b; Al Williams 49b; Hyke Sakaras 86; Viv Imrie O'Duffy 268; Martin Rodger 117.

RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw called the class back together leading 445. Leaders: Jo-anne Carlyle 448b; Ollie Hawker 235; Jan Geerts 155; Hannah Coutts 299; Eleanor Jones-McAuley 59; Ellen Foster 209; Derek Buckland 323b; Patrick Williams 227; Werner Ullah 501; Claire Welford 475; Calum Parker 198; Anne Altringham 546.

Announcements were made. The 2025 Scotland All-Day singing will be in the West on Saturday 12th July 2025.

Jan Geerts & Anne Altringham led 533. Calum Parker offered closing thoughts. The class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Anne Altringham and Jan Geerts; Secretary—Karen Turner

CULLMAN COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama

July 13-14, 2024

Saturday, July 13

The 130th session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Cullman County Courthouse on the second Sunday and Saturday before in July. The class was called to order by Tom Booth leading 34b. Jim Carnes offered the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Tom Booth; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Arranging Officer—Carolyn Thompson; Finance Officers—Tom Booth and Christopher Mann; Chaplain—Butch White; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland.

Leaders: Tom Booth 499 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Theresa Westmoreland 74t, 107; Carolyn Thompson 448t, 53; Jim Carnes 70b, 330b; Amber Mann 496, 77t; Blake Sisemore 37b, 208; Hazel Heinze 438, 99; Buell Cobb 308; Cindy Tanner 155, 220; Bea Aaron 64, 456 (in memory of Henry Guthery); David Carlton 134, 278b; Glenn Keeton 278t, 349.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Christopher Mann leading 101t. Leaders: Cindy Mann 159, 274t; Craig Holmes 66, 479; Charles McCravy 143, 428; Beth Branscome 200, 474; Laurie Keeton 145b, 45t; Christopher Mann 201, 285t (in memory of Geraldine Sharpton and Carol Fannin); Zena Tucker 30t, 129; Marlin Beasley 460, 282; Judy Caudle 76t, 187; Butch White 344, 313b; Prisca Rice 39t, 38b; Ann Jett 546, 269; Mark Davis 446, 506; Ru Perry-Mize 481, 277; Joyce White 480, 146.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom Booth leading 475. Leaders: David Ivey 453, 483; Judy Chambless 354b (in memory of Henry Guthery); Delone Cobbs 535, 354t; Brenda Chafin 336, 430; Leanne Carter 128, 421; Sonya Sipe and Christopher Mann 565, 36b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 391, 500; Haley Aaron 207, 122; Robert Chambless 163b (in memory of William Futral), 77b; Anna Grace Sipe 503, 56b; Nancy Phillips 276, 268; Dorothea Maynard and Delores Watkins 319, 383; Adrian Eldridge 448b, 209; Linda Booth 489 (in memory of Caleb Allred), 454.

Tom Booth and Butch White led 521 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Christopher Mann.

Sunday, July 14

The Sunday session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Convention began with Tom Booth, who welcomed the class and led 39b and 204. Adrian Eldridge offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 439, 460 (in memory of her mother, Norma Whitfield Hamrick); Christopher Mann 467, 117; Ru Perry-Mize 148, 472; Amber Mann 63, 452; Hazel Heinze and Jean Ponder 68b, 145b; Linda Booth 137, 350; Larry Ballinger 551, 151; Samuel Williams 149, 474; Bea Aaron 475, 119; Dylan Feezell 436, 430; Carolyn Thompson 102, 442.

RECESS

Mark Davis called the class to order leading 566. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 77t, 421; Delone Cobbs 569b, 32t; Louise Yeager 112, 426b; Lori Rogers 217, 47t; Butch White 28b, 29t; Chris Ballinger 344, 546; Loretta Whitman 75, 354b; David Ivey 560, 558; Nancy Phillips 196, 388; Anna Grace Sipe 30b, 39b; Mark Davis 536, 534. The memorial lesson was conducted by Adrian Eldridge and Theresa Westmoreland. They led 547 for the following sick and shut-ins: Lena Keeton, Kaylee Stewart, Beverly Rollins, Nate Green, Wanda Capps, Brenda Waters, Darrell Parker, Ernestine Parker, Edna Smith, David Jackson, Sarah Whites-Koditschek, Sarah Beasley, Bunk Beasley, Estes Jackson, Ercel Jackson, and Judy Cobbs. They led 86 for the following deceased singers in the last year: Henry Guthery, Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Mel Kersey, Curtis Cook, Dan Brittain, Becky Browne, Carol Fannin, Geraldine Sharpton, William Futral, Johnny Parker, Elvin White, Gaston White, Tommy Spurlock, and Cora Beasley Jones. The memorial lesson was closed. The lunch blessing was offered by Christopher Mann at the tables.

LUNCH

Tom Booth called the class back together by leading 371. Leaders: Leanne Carter 49t, 49b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 89, 192; Prisca Rice 358, 165; Brenda Chafin 74b, 428; Lisa Geist 572, 540; Dorothea Maynard 340, 361; Margaret Keeton 276, 432; Joyce White 178, 280; Sonya Sipe and Christopher Mann 341, 47b (for Judy Cobbs); Jennifer Cogle and Brandon Cogle 31t, 369; Marlin Beasley 61, 336; Brock Family (Christy, Bradley, Jonah, Maribelle) 457, 502, 213t (for grandfather Laco Childers), 55; Mark Davis 522; Prisca Rice 70b; Dorothea Maynard 203 (for Wanda Capps). Announcements were made.

Tom Booth led 323t as the closing song. Mark Davis offered the dismissal prayer. Chairman—Tom Booth; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SACRED HARP SINGING

Way's Mills Community Centre, Barnston-Ouest, Quebec, Canada

Sunday, July 14, 2024

On the second Sunday in July and for the first time since 2019, singers gathered in the old hall in Way's Mills for the Eastern Townships Sacred Harp All-Day Singing. The class was called to order by Anabel Gravel Chabot and Virginia Neville leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Ruth Dörfler.

Leaders: Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 81t; névé dumas 270; Colleen Hayes 217; Patrick Friesen 176b; Anne Evers 491; Crispin Youngberg 378t; Klara Longfellow 159; Chuck Crawford 480; Elizabeth Stoddard 144; Félix 89; Sara Sandberg 39t; Kerry Cullinan 340; Meredith Browne 371.

RECESS

The class was called back by Ariane Roberge leading 318. Leaders: Tom Evers 385t; Sage Chaser-Dempsey 65; Eric Sandberg 299; Pleasance Crawford 283; Evan Landon 162; Margaret Youngberg 282; Alec Collins 198.

Chaplain Ruth Dörfler conducted the memorial lesson and led 68b for the following sick and shut-ins: Mary McIlwraith, Dan Coppock, Lucille Bastien, Bobbie Goodell, Chuck Neville, Ferne Cristal, Joan Frankel, Ron Trial, Jane Trial, Pat Callahan, Cindy Bean, Jim Bean, Coronne Bryant, and Ruth Ann Bryant.

Ruth Dörfler then read the following list of names of the deceased: Wanda Pilié, Réal Tardif, and Gratien Chabot—Quebec, Canada; Jackie Levington—British Columbia, Canada; Pippa Hall—Ontario, Canada; Eva Striebeck—Germany; 186,000—Palestine; Lydia Lewallen—North Carolina, USA; Henry Guthery, Earl Ballinger, Tommie Spurlock, Richard Mauldin, Pearl Guier, and Gaston White—Alabama, USA; Martha Ann Stegar—Georgia, USA; Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Becky Browne—Missouri, USA; Charlotte Ehrman—New York, USA; Melanie Hauff—Illinois, USA; Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania, USA; Joan Sheldon—Maine, USA; Larry Gordon, Elka Schumann, Steve Crevoshay, Linda Wells, Leonard Spencer, Aimée Richmond—Vermont, USA. Ruth then led 448t in their memory.

Leaders: Sunny Doyle 215; Édouard Beaudry 181; Rachel Farber 312t; Chris Holley 83t; Mishii 185; Janet Ross Snyder 547; Jesse Vear 76b; Cecilia Neville 146; philou 421. Ruth Dörfler offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Cecilia Neville and friends called the first afternoon session to order leading 312b. Leaders: Indigo Micciche 383; Anabel Gravel Chabot and Hazel 445; David Brodeur 200; Esther Wade 384; Robert Stoddard 222; Michaela Natal 278b; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 302; Em Ekelund 269; Marie Brandis 534; Lari Jalbert 349; Nicole Collins 107; Sue Dwelle 503; Molly-Claire Gillett 430; Elizabeth Stoddard 422; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 234; Andy Ditzler 542; névé dumas 372; Robin Luckwaldt 344.

RECESS

Patrick Friesen called the class back leading 138b. Leaders: Erica Martinez 273; Annie-Lou Chester 401; Dimitri Côté and Marie Brandis 300; Christopher Wesolowski 143; Steph Meunier 569b; Sage Chase-Dempsey 29t; Colleen Hayes 100; Édouard Beaudry 245; Anne Evers 148; Crispin Youngberg 513; Ruth Dörfler 178; Kerry Cullinan 122; Jesse Vear 426b; Lari Jalbert 444.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Esther Wade leading 111b.

Leaders: Ben Sachs-Hamilton 192; Michaela Natal 35; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 232; Em Ekelund 447; Robert Stoddard 500; Marie Brandis 549; Margaret Youngberg 297; Sunny Doyle 453; Tom Evers 501; Laurence 131t; Erica Martinez and Treasure 38b; Christopher Wesolowski 86; Rachel Farber 60; Molly-Claire Gillett 58.

A business meeting was opened to receive the day's reports. Arranger philou announced that seventy-six singers had travelled from four Canadian provinces, seven American states, and the Netherlands.

Eighty-one lessons were led by forty-six leaders. Virginia Neville reported that expenses had been met. Anabel Gravel Chabot thanked the Neville family and everyone for contributing and joining this special day.

Following announcements, Anabel Gravel Chabot and philou led 62 as singers took the parting hand. Chaplain Ruth Dörfler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Anabel Gravel Chabot and Virginia Neville; Secretaries—Ariane Roberge and névé dumas

CAPITAL CITY SINGING

Montgomery, Alabama

Thursday, July 18, 2024

The 35th annual Capital City Singing was held on the third Thursday in July at the Loeb Reception Center at Old Alabama Town, Montgomery, Alabama. The class was called to order by Stefani Priskos leading 131b (SH). Priskos welcomed singers on behalf of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture and the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery. Stefani Priskos led 48t (SH), and Tom George offered the opening prayer.

The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition leaders: Mary Huffman 34b (SH); Mary Amelia Taylor 36b (SH); Chris Parris 421 (SH); Ann Riley 282 (SH); Tim Taylor 228 (SH); Judy Chambless 454 (SH) (in memory of Henry Guthery); Jack Nelson 560 (SH); Darlu Taylor 146 (SH); Robert Chambless 163b (SH).

The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper revision leaders: Steve Grauberger 127 (CB); Joey Brackner 82 (CB); Dennis George 38t (CB); Emily Eddins and Deborah Mixon 57 (CB); Tom George 266b (CB); Stanley Smith 567 (CB); Ann Riley 270 (CB); Chris Parris 574 (CB) (in memory of Tommie Spurlock); Erin Fulton 457 (CB); Jack Nelson 514 (CB).

RECESS

Stefani Priskos brought the class back to order leading 130b (CH). *The Christian Harmony* leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 63t (CH); Tom George 65b (CH); Tim Taylor 455b (CH); Erin Fulton 231 (CH); Dennis George 180 (CH); Stanley Smith 258 (CH); Emily Eddins 82 (CH); Mary Huffman 54 (CH); Tim Taylor 322 (CH); Erin Fulton 238 (CH); Tom George 51 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 50 (CH); Stanley Smith 64 (CH); Dennis George 16 (CH); Mary Huffman 493b (CH); Stefani Priskos 172 (CH).

RECESS

Stefani Priskos brought the class back together leading 10 (CSH). *The Colored Sacred Harp* leaders: Joey Brackner 24 (CSH); Mary Amelia Taylor 95 (CSH); Dennis George 9 (CSH); Erin Fulton 6 (CSH); Steve Grauberger 53 (CSH); Tom George 29t (CSH); Mary Huffman 65b (CSH); Stanley Smith 87 (CSH) and "Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time". Tom George offered the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Stefani Priskos brought the class back together for a leader's choice afternoon session leading 82b (SH). Leaders: Steve Grauberger 417 (SH); Oscar McGuire 485 (SH); Chris Parris 358 (SH); Darlu Taylor 277 (CB); Dennis George 564 (SH); Ann Riley 318 (SH); Emily Eddins 168 (CB); Joey Brackner 276 (SH); Tim Taylor 546 (SH); Stanley Smith 480 (SH); Mary Huffman 569b (SH); Mary Amelia Taylor 99 (SH); Oscar McGuire 515 (SH); Steve Grauberger 463 (CB); Chris Parris 112 (SH); Emily Eddins 56 (CB); Dennis George 178 (SH); Avery Bryan 427 (CB); Chris Parris 268

(SH), 45t (SH); Stefani Priskos and Oscar McGuire 198 (SH), 229 (SH).

Announcements were made.

Stefani Priskos led 62 (SH) as the closing song, and Tom George offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Stefani Priskos; Secretaries—Mary Huffman and Mary Amelia Taylor

GWEHELOG SINGING

Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, Gwehelog, Wales

Saturday, July 20, 2024

The 22nd annual Gwehelog Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Joyce Smith leading 276. Lilith Wozniak gave the morning prayer.

Leaders: Barry Parsons 30t; Chloë Somers 29t; Al Williams 51; Sonia Nayer 440; Lilith Wozniak 86; Samuel Turner 73t; Claire Welford 318; Ian West 315; Derek Buckland 162; Hayden Arp 331; Josh Lant 548; Rowan Simms 283; Paul Zaba 504; Teresa Maguire 67; Edwin Macadam 150; Jo-anne Carlyle 68b; Werner Ullah 50b.
RECESS

Rowan Simms called the class back to order leading 72b. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 173; Christian Zaba and Paul Zaba 547; Steve Fletcher 372; Michael Walker 82t; Edwin Macadam 352.

Steve Brett gave the sick and housebound lesson and began with special mention of Chris Brown and Judy Whiting, who ran and supported this singing for many years, but were both unable to attend this year. Steve spoke on the importance of caregivers during sickness: from the simple care of reaching out to full time carers. Steve read the following names: Chris Brown, Judy Whiting, Bridget McVennon-Morgan, Peter Polish, and Cath Tyler. Steve Brett led 402 for the sick and housebound.

Barry Parsons delivered the memorial lesson on the intersections of grief and hope and how we approach both through song. He spoke of Max Porter's 'Grief is the Thing with Feathers' and read from "HOPE" by Emily Dickinson. Barry read the following names: Dawn Jeffery, Ellen Dent, Lala Hancock, and Alan Gunthorpe—London; Louise Wilson—Battle; Keith Scott—Topsham; Emily Webster—Cambridge; Uschi Nolte and Eva Striebeck—Germany; Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Dan Burk and Jeff Begley—California, USA; Richard Mauldin and Henry Guthery—Alabama, USA; Chloe Webb—Texas, USA; Heather Wood—New York, USA. Barry Parsons led 285t for the deceased. Ellen Southern gave the memorial prayer, speaking of fellowship, speaking from 1 John and of true love shown through action.

Leaders: Ian West 111b; Jo-anne Carlyle 122; Chloë Somers 117; Claire Welford 428. Grace was delivered by Chris Coombs.

LUNCH

Al Williams called the class back to order leading 445. Leaders: Oisín Kidson-Ireland 298; Derek Buckland 101b (in memory of Uschi Nolte); Paul Zaba 245; Sonia Nayer 102; Chris Coombs 430; Hayden Arp 434; Sheila Girling Macadam 534; Josh Lant 212; Teresa Maguire 500; Chloë Somers 38b; Joyce Smith 491; Michael Walker 506; Steve Brett 530; Lilith Wozniak 451.

RECESS

Samuel Turner called the class back to order by leading 387. Leaders: Barry Parsons 336; Werner Ullah 457; Steve Fletcher 344; Hayden Arp 149; Claire Welford 163t; Lilith Wozniak 106; Rowan Simms 323t; Edwin Macadam 183; Chris Coombs 475; Ian West 501; Jo-anne Carlyle 49b; Al Williams 480; Derek Buckland 123b; Paul Zaba 362; Michael Walker 436 (for an anonymous dedicatee).

Thanks were given to the officers and committee members, keyers, refreshments, and food organisers. Treasurer Chloë Somers reported that expenses had been very

accurately met. The Secretary's Report was given by Meg Winter: thirty-four registered singers, twenty-four leaders from four countries (UK, Ireland, USA and Germany) led sixty-two songs. Announcements were made. Joyce Smith led 129 as the closing song. Chloë Somers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairperson—Joyce Smith; Secretaries—Joyce Smith and Meg Winter

MICHIANA SINGING
Fairview Grange, Goshen, Indiana
Saturday, July 20, 2024

The 34th annual Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 34b. Michael Miller offered the opening prayer and led 481. Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 72b; Samuel Sommers 492; John David Thacker 122; Grey Grant 178; Christine Guth 35; Shannon Tibbs and Rob Tibbs 117; Dave Barford 113; Carolyn Craig 504; Marian Mitchell 128; Martha Beverly 171; Susan Loucks 474; Hannah Lind 282; Gerald Shoultz 277; Jim Helke 196; Cecelia Kramer 47b.

RECESS

Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 378t; Samantha Adioetomo 335; Beth Todd 501; Debra Barford 120; Peter Trumbore and Carrie Miller 189; Jo Dell Albi 385t; Catherine Brown 84; Ginny Landgraf 197; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 447; Lori Graber 464; Christine Schrader 86; Wendy Wahn 480; Anne Missavage 280; James Nelson Gingerich and Barb Nelson Gingerich 192; Grey Grant 254; Marian Mitchell 352; Susan Loucks 54.

RECESS

Leaders: Matthew Lind 145b; Anne Heider 236; Steve Warner 81t.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Samuel Sommers led 330b for the following sick and shut-ins: Peggy Brayfield, Janet Fraembs, Beth Hall, Terry Hogg, Ted Lewis, Sara Lund, Waneta Martin, David Ressler, Joe Todd, and Carol Wahn. Peter Trumbore led 457 for those who have died as follows: P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Frank Fraembs—Illinois; Curtis Cook, Dorothy Hall, Mary Oyer—Indiana; Becky Browne—Missouri; Alma Misly Miller—Ohio; Chloe Webb—Texas; Larry Gordon, Elka Schumann, Linda Wells—Vermont; Wilma Gingerich—Virginia; Reed Schilbach—Washington. Michael Miller concluded the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Shannon Tibbs 47t; Jim Helke 235; Ginny Landgraf 379; Beth Todd 179; Gerald Shoultz 361.

LUNCH

Matthew Lind began the afternoon session by leading 87. Leaders: John David Thacker 63; Samantha Adioetomo and Samuel Sommers 245; Hannah Lind and James Nelson Gingerich 344; Christine Schrader 300; Anne Heider 273; Kate Lind and Will Fitzgerald 479; Cecelia Kramer 534; Dave Barford 472; Catherine Brown 313b; Martha Beverly 532; Steve Warner 168; Lori Graber 327; Wendy Wahn 372; Jo Dell Albi 214; Debra Barford 528; Peter Trumbore 76b; Christine Guth 148; Bess Fitzgerald 426b; Samuel Sommers 397; James Nelson Gingerich 40; Michael Miller 551; Susan Loucks and Samantha Adioetomo 384; Will Fitzgerald 569b. Announcements were made.

Matthew Lind led 62 as the closing song. Michael Miller dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

Jasper, Alabama

Saturday, July 20, 2024

The 109th session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Convention was held at First Presbyterian Church, Jasper, Alabama, on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Brenda Chafin leading 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Isaac Greene.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman-Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman-Tom Booth; Secretary-Carolyn Thompson.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 29t, 32t; Butch White 547, 34b, 503; Isaac Greene 80b, 271t, 422; Linda Booth 39t, 441, 440; Margaret Keeton 298, 299, 517; Bea Aaron 145b, 426b, 568; Louise Yeager 569b (for John Plunkett), 480, 276; Eric Jones 470, 282, 176t.

RECESS

Tom Booth brought the class back together by leading 47t. Leaders: Lisa Geist 391, 394, 472; Carolyn Thompson 535, 208, 228; Bridge Hill Kennedy 212, 448b, 489; Beth Branscome 36b, 84, 565; Leeanne Carter 47b, 86, 300.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Butch White and Leeann Carter. Butch read the names of the following deceased: Earl Ballinger, Ozella Blackmon, Gaston White, Tommie Spurlock, Jerry Kitchens, Carol Fannin, Geraldine Sharpton, and Henry Guthery—Alabama; Chloe Webb—Texas; Dan Brittain—Arkansas. Leeann Carter led 163b.

Leeann Carter read the following as the sick and shut-ins: Theresa Westmoreland, Daryl Parker, Ernestine Parker, Marlin Beasley, Jim Aaron, Betty Baccus, and Kaylee Stewart. Tom Booth led 371. Prayer was offered by Butch White before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Amber Davis led 192 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Amber Davis 436 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon), 373 (for her mother); Eleanor Porter 142, 56b, 107; Larry Ballinger 56t, 97, 157; Brenda Chafin 76t; Butch White 326; Isaac Greene 69b; Bea Aaron 101t; Louise Yeager 112; Carolyn Thompson 67; Bridge Hill Kennedy 89; Beth Branscome 31t. Announcements for future singings were made.

Brenda Chafin led 69t as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Carolyn Thompson

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONVENTION, COLORADO SESSION

Westminster Grange Hall, Westminster, Colorado

July 20-21, 2024

Saturday, July 20

The 30th annual Rocky Mountain Convention, Colorado Session was held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in July at the Westminster Grange Hall in Westminster, Colorado. The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Julia Zaffarano; Treasurer—Erik Mason; Co-Secretaries—Paul Landskroener and David Schmitt.

The class was called to order by Catherine Van Duzer leading 492. Nadia Bolz-Weber offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Erik Mason 28t; Sam Ellenberger 401; Corrie Skiles 120; Mike Chaffin 48b; Will Sims 313b; Anton Popov 99; Ginnie Ely 228; Nadia Bolz-Weber 203; Paul Landskroener 473; Anita Landess 379; Deb Robson 276; Sandy Hill 475; David Schmitt 171; Cathy Van Blerkom 464; Stephanie Fida with Erin Blakemore 73t.

RECESS

Emma Swartz called the class back to order leading 82t. Leaders: J.R. Hardman 501; Leslie Alperin 320; David Wright 512; Judy Van Duzer 369 (in memory of John Van Duzer); Samuel Cordova and Julia Zaffarano 551; Mitchell Gustin 299; David McPherson 430; Irene Gilb 500; Eric Metzler 133; Claire Singleton 315; Sam Thomas 477; Elise Englert and Irene Gilb 235; Katherine Manning 434; Peggy Morrison 72b; Mia Alvarado 49b.

RECESS

Amandeep Boyer led 81t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 296; Adrian Eldridge and Nadia Bolz-Weber 277; Marie Adams and Bertie Tompkins 455; Pat Coghlan 272; Julie Swarstad Johnson 102; Erik Mason 48t; Bob Schinske 546 (for Sophia Schinske and Logan Thomas); Mark Godfrey 456; Dami Osoba 444; Peter Abrahamsen 122; Janet Plattner 66; Betsy Jeronen 426t; Bertie Tompkins 426b; Tamara Wallace 503. Nadia Bolz-Weber asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Schmitt leading 30b. Leaders: Brian McKee 474; Julius Pasay 527; Kevin Barrans 112; Thom Fahrbach 502; Chris Noren 263; Andy Ditzler 377; John Wiens 376; Karen Willard 340; David Brodeur 532; Emma Swartz 442; Paul Wyatt 189; Shawn Taylor 269; Miriam Delirium 506; Stina Soderling 31t; Rosie Sokolov 224.

RECESS

Thom Fahrbach led 56t to bring the class back together. Leaders: David Hawes 479; Steve Luttinen 400; Jennifer Jones 564; Elsa Phemayotin 445; Leigh Cooper 283; Dorothy Mitchell 162; Fred Wilkey 332; Ellen Ray 505; Deb Koch 30t; Doe Lowinger 69t; Kim Lusk 282; Kat Kohorst 302; Ivy Hauser 185; Nicole Scott 217; Amandeep Boyer and Kirk Boyer 547; Paul Lilley 565; Clara Garcia-Lehmann and Anders Fahey 288.

Julia Zaffarano led 267 as the closing song. Nadia Bolz-Weber offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, July 21

The Sunday session of the Rocky Mountain Convention, Colorado Session was held at the Westminster Grange Hall. Song selections were from the B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision. The class was called to order by Julia Zaffarano leading 30t (CB). Catherine Van Duzer offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sam Ellenberger 514 (CB); Brian McKee 518 (CB); Mike Chaffin 30b (CB); Will Sims 38b (CB); Judy Van Duzer 380t (CB) (in memory of John Van Duzer); Paul Landskroener 95t (CB); Sharon Kermiet 70t (CB); Erik Mason 96 (CB); Ginnie Ely 196 (CB); Catherine Van Duzer 133 (CB); David Hawes 38t (CB); Anton Popov 348t (CB); Sandy Hill 505 (CB); Corrie Skiles 285t (CB); Bob Schinske 501 (CB).

RECESS

Stina Soderling brought the class back to order leading 504 (CB). Leaders: Leigh Cooper 269 (CB); Anita Landess 137 (CB); Paul Lilley with Mia Alvarado 393 (CB); Doe Lowinger 40 (CB); Ivy Hauser 543 (CB); Deb Robson 31t (CB); Adrian Eldridge 522 (CB); Betsy Jeronen 464 (CB); Ellis Benedyk 126 (CB); Steve Luttinen 273 (CB); Ellen Ray 482 (CB); Tristan Gordon 29b (CB); Erik Mason 68b (CB); Paul Wyatt 229 (CB); Bertie Tompkins 165 (CB).

RECESS

Mark Godfrey brought the class back to order leading 54t (CB). Leaders: Leslie Alperin 91 (CB); David Brodeur 240 (CB).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Catherine Van Duzer and David Schmitt, who led 155 (CB) for the following sick and shut ins: JP Thom-Gronachan, Dan Phemayotin, Brenda Waters, Susan Dray, Stefanie Hailperin, Kelsey Taylor, Mike Hinton, Ted Johnson, Dave Barber, Susan Fetcho, Denise Kania, John Breitsch,

Donna Gunderson, Jeff Bell, Ellis Benedyk, Nik Breznick, Mark Wiens, and Michael McKiernan.

The memorial list was read and Catherine Van Duzer led 344 (CB) in memory of the following deceased: Becky Browne—Missouri; Dan Brittain and Lloyd Caldwell—Arkansas; Curtis Cook—Indiana; Laverne Lewis, John Van Duzer, and Alfred Sausotte—Colorado; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Reed Schilbach and Karl Post—Washington; Kiri Parankirinothin and Sasha Lubov—Pennsylvania; Chloe Webb—Texas; Henry Guthery, Earl Ballinger, Tommie Spurlock, Richard Mauldin, and Pearl Guier—Alabama; Martha Ann Stegar—Georgia; Marvin Wayne Gustin, Dan Burk, and Jeff Begley—California; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; Janet Lee Thompson—Oklahoma; Bernice Johnson Reagan—Washington, D.C.; Pastor Sam Butler—Florida/Minnesota; Charlie Seluzicki—Oregon; Anita Saunders—New Mexico; Frank Fraembs—Illinois; Dorothy Landskroener—Ohio; Joyce Luttinen and Harlan Menk—Wisconsin.

Leaders: Rosie Sokolov 138t (CB); Kristofer Ilex 380b (CB). Catherine Van Duzer offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Paul Landskroener called the class back to order leading 441 (CB). Leaders: Eric Metzler 77t (CB); Stina Soderling 421 (CB); Shawn Taylor 217 (CB); Sam Thomas 486 (CB); Katherine Manning 392 (CB); Claire Singleton 300 (CB); Mitchell Gustin 268 (CB); Evelyn Lamb 581 (CB); David McPherson 449 (CB); Irene Gilb 587 (CB); J.R. Hardman 55 (CB); Karen Willard 567 (CB).

RECESS

Amandeep Boyer called the class back to order leading 101t (CB). Leaders: John Wiens 582 (CB); Emma Swartz 210 (CB); Thom Fahrbach 404 (CB); Dami Osoba 375 (CB); Kevin Barrans 373 (CB); Fred Wilkey 293b (CB); Marie Adams with Sharon Kermiet 571 (CB); Chris Noren 199 (CB); Peggy Morrison 283 (CB); Elsa Phemayotin 507b (CB); David Wright 416t (CB); Miriam Delirium 417 (CB); Tamara Wallace 58 (CB); Kat Kohorst 184b (CB); Mark Godfrey 98 (CB); Andy Ditzler 590 (CB).

A business meeting was held to hear reports from various committees. Erik Mason reported for the Finance Committee that all expenses were met. Bertie Tompkins and Thom Fahrbach of the Resolutions Committee read its report: thanking the officers and committee members for their service, thanking the cooks for bringing delicious food, and resolving to meet at the same time next year. Paul Landskroener gave the Secretary's report stating that eighty-three leaders representing eighteen states and Scotland led one hundred fifty-three songs during the weekend. The meeting was closed. Announcements about singings were made.

Julia Zaffarano led 527 (CB) as the closing song. Catherine Van Duzer offered a closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Julia Zaffarano; Vice Chairman—David Schmitt; Secretaries—Paul Landskroener and David Schmitt

CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL **New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama** **Sunday, July 21, 2024**

The 150th session of the Chafin, Harbinson, and Hollis Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Brenda Chafin leading 56t, 33t, and 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Greg Allred. The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Ann Jett. Cindy Tanner was appointed to arrange the order of leaders.

Leaders: Tom Booth 204; Buell Cobb 77b, 131b; Darren Douglas 47t, 31t, 38b; Ricky Beasley 569b, 47b, 68b; Susan Allred 65, 112, 405; Randy Moon 143, 133.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Brenda Chafin leading 76b. Leaders: Michael Sellers 196, 45t, 146; Larry Ballinger 151, 224, 215; Yancey Jett and Ann Jett 440, 172, 42; Jeff James 46, 117, 124; Isaac Green 570, 488 (in memory of Henry Guthery), 395.

RECESS

Tom Booth led 176b to bring the class together. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 122, 339, 410t; Roma Rice 323b, 276, 389; Nicholas Thompson 195 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon), 463, 371; Butch White 287, 313b, 28b. Danny Creel asked for a blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom Booth leading 316. Leaders: Judy Caudle 111t, 111b, 200 (for David Light); Ken Tate 183, 383, 272; Rachel Pirkey 428, 102; Linda Booth 220, 198; Lisa Geist 269, 492, 377; Amber Davis 291, 150, 155 (for Lucy Heidorn); Bridge Hill Kennedy 91, 302, 411; Danny Creel 503, 348b, 106; Ashley Sellers 110, 358, 477; Ann Jett 546, 327, 498; Greg Allred 36b, 452, 72b; Cindy Tanner 177, 187, 208 (in memory of Darrell Swarens). Announcements were made.

Brenda Chafin and Tom Booth led 521 as the closing song. Greg Allred offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Ann Jett

KALAMAZOO SINGING

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Sunday, July 21, 2024

The 26th session of the Kalamazoo Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in July at the Carriage Barn at Drake Farm Homestead, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Martha Beverly called the class to order leading 171. Peter Trumbore offered the morning prayer, and then led 46. Leaders: John Fink 49b; Cecelia Kramer 71; Beth Todd 89; Scott Troyer 168; Bess Fitzgerald 97; Anne Evers 51; Steve Warner 34b; Idy Kiser 312b (in memory of her sister, Reed Schilbach); Shannon Tibbs 277; Anne Missavage 344; Grey Grant and Catherine Brown 162; Ginny Landgraf 410t; Tom Evers 31t; Anne Heider 497; Carrie Miller and Peter Trumbore 30t.

RECESS

Will Fitzgerald and Majorie Harrington led 457 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Matthew Lind 99; Catherine Brown and Becca Harrington 66; Samuel Sommers 560; Nola Nielsen and Samuel Sommers 63; Jim Helke 279; Marian Mitchell 288; Gerald Shultz 276; Lori Graber 30b; Terry Cunningham 142; Kate Lind and Will Fitzgerald 163t; John Fink 183; Peter Trumbore 300; Marian Mitchell 200; Matthew Lind 496; Cecelia Kramer 210; Grey Grant 198; Shannon Tibbs 86.

RECESS

Will Fitzgerald and Anna Lane led 105 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald and Grace Flanagan 267; John Fink 268; Steve Warner 84; Gerald Shultz 442; Ginny Landgraf 375; Jim Helke 341; Terry Cunningham 192; Scott Troyer 178; Samuel Sommers 94; Anne Evers 299; Anne Missavage 212; Tom Evers 65.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Samuel Sommers leading 319. Leaders: Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 56b; Jessica Bellaire 106; Linda Heemsker and Cecelia Kramer 481.

The Sacred Harp Publishing Company presented a plaque to Martha Beverly to honor the contributions of the late Bill Beverly to Sacred Harp singing. Will

Fitzgerald offered some words about Bill on behalf of the company. Martha Beverly and Will Fitzgerald led 191 in Bill's honor, one of his favorite tunes, using the words of Cowper's hymn, "God moves in a mysterious way" as a second verse. Martha Beverly also led 436 in his honor.

The session continued with the following leaders: Lori Graber 556; Anne Heider 528; Beth Todd 52t; Catherine Brown 38b; Anne Missavage 362; Anne Evers and Tom Evers 547 (in memory of Bill Beverly); Ginny Landgraf 536 (in honor of Judy Hauff); Marian Mitchell 157; Scott Troyer and Gerald Shultz 313b; Jessica Bellaire 426t; Peter Trumbore 354b; Shannon Tibbs 42; Grey Grant 163b; Terry Cunningham 277; Martha Beverly 377; Matthew Lind 471. Announcements were made.

Martha Beverly led 209 as the closing song. Peter Trumbore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Martha Beverly; Secretary—Will Fitzgerald

COTACO CONVENTION SINGING

Eva, Alabama

Saturday, July 27, 2024

The 135th session of the Cotaco Convention was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Eva, Alabama. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Nicholas Thompson leading 56t. Tom Booth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 137; Judy Caudle 274t (for David Light); Butch White 344; Craig Holmes 323b; Tom Booth 309; Hazel Heinze 496; Lilly Underwood 348b; Katlin Bailey 436; Mamie Sisemore 59; Beth Branscome 213t; Dan Hopper 38b; Linda Booth and Nicholas Thompson 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Blake Sisemore 371; Will Gatewood 163t; Carol Newman 68b; David Carlton 95; Nancy Phillips 112.

RECESS

Dan Hopper led 334 to bring the class together. Leaders: Garrett Morton 379; Chris Ballinger 120; Sarah George 108b; Ricky Beasley 312b; Loyd Ivey 318; Jayden Stump 268; Lisa Geist 528; Henry McGuire 456; Elene Stovall 200 (for David Light); Zena Tucker 84; Tom George 402; Theresa Westmoreland 189; Lomax Ballinger 277; Jennifer Lee 203; Nicole Scott 222; Roma Rice 209; Abigail Cannon 340. Elder Daniel Hopper asked the blessing at the tables.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 109. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 98; Susan Allred 384.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Judy Caudle spoke briefly about the importance of the memorial lesson. She read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Betty Shepherd, Chris Shepherd, David Light, Margaret Keeton, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Betty Baccus, Darlene Reynolds, David Jackson, Darvi Jackson, Mike Hinton, Darrell Parker, and Ernestine Parker. She then read the list of names of the deceased: Jerry Kitchens, Earl Ballinger, Ozella Blackmon, Henry Guthery, Richard Mauldin, Chita Blakeley, Geraldine Sharpton, Carol Fannin, Elder David Guttrey, Gaston White, and Elvin White—Alabama; Esther Mann—Mississippi; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Chloe Webb—Texas; Becky Browne—Missouri. Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson led 459 and 564. Nicholas Thompson concluded the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Henry McGuire 530; David Carlton 228; Will Gatewood 204; Nicole Scott 202; Amber Davis 142; Dan Hopper 245 (by request). Announcements were made.

Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle led 323t as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.
Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

MAINE SINGING
Topsham Grange, Topsham, Maine
Saturday, July 27, 2024

The 21st session of the Maine All-Day Singing was held on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. Patty McNerney called the class to order leading 48t. Robert Stoddard offered a prayer.

Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 32t; Eric Sandberg 67; Pleasance Crawford 350; Ethan McNerney 497; Joanne Fuller 107; Pete Sandberg 298; Nick Pappas 145t; Sara Sandberg 276; Chuck Crawford 300; Donna Carlson 294; Owen Stoddard 129; Margaret Hughes 72t; George Sigut 72b; Sue Peters 59; Stuart Jackson 511; Joan Nagy 86; Tim Gregg 92; Susan Mampre 102; Jesse Vear 99; Chris Hodges 492; Barbara Swetman 542.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Nick Pappas leading 128. Leaders: Philou 48b; Erin Fulton 538; Jesse Flynn-Jambeck 384; Rachel Farber 558; Eric Sandberg 68b; John Hughes 280; Elsa Phemayotin 335; Kerry Cullinan 269; Liz Cantrell 31b; Felix Chéster-Trudel 288; Anne Kazlauskas 447; Em Ekelund 523.

Kathe Pilbosian remembered the sick and shut-ins and led 70t for RuthAnn Bryant, Corrone Bryant, Bobbie Goodell, Hollie, Sherry Mitchell and her mother, Mike Hinton, Pat Callahan, Cindy Bean, Jim Bean, Dan Phemayotin, Mary McIlwraith, Laura Ayotte, Amy Frankel, Inez Benikasa, and Tom Waggener.

Chris Holley conducted the memorial lesson and led 146 in memory of the following deceased: Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; Heather Wood—New York; Curtis Cook—Indiana; Tom Wolski—New York; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Chloe Webb—Texas; Eva Striebeck—Germany; Joan Sheldon—Maine; Frank T. Hill, Jr., Henry Guthery, Tommie Spurlock, Gaston White, Joan Wilks, Earl Ballinger, and Norma Ivey Green—Alabama; Cora Beasley Jones—Tennessee; Lydia Lewellen and Scott Swanton—North Carolina; Wanda Pilié and Gratien Chabot—Quebec; Laura Martin—Washington; Joe Fineman—Massachusetts; Beverly Taylor and Dan Nelson—Maryland; Bill Fellingner—Vermont.

Leaders: Anabel Gravel Chabot 340; Ian Quinn 352; Rachel Speer 200; Glenn Wright 299; indigo micciché 168; Sunny Doyle 142; Jonathan Spencer 385t; Pippa Stoddard 512; Charles Biada 298; Esther Wade 500; Bill Holt 436. Robbert Stoddard offered grace before lunch.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Elizabeth Stoddard leading 399b. Leaders: Carol Huang 228; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 434; Dean Jens 424; Gwen Gethner 133; Stuart Jackson 426t; Joan Nagy 504; Alex Makris-Shaw 418; Tim Gregg 272; Rachel Farber 274t; Robert Stoddard 318; Quasar Phoenix and Kendall Phoenix 178 (Kendall proposed marriage to Quasar and Quasar accepted); Joanne Fuller 179; Martin Hamilton 42; Joan Frankel 143; John Hughes 339; Barbara Swetman 365; Glenn Wright 474; Liz Cantrell 475; Jonathan Spencer 260.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by G. Patrick Foley leading 82t. Leaders: Sunny Doyle 313b; Charles Biada 371; Anabel Gravel Chabot 101t; Susan Mampre 180; Donna Carlson 496; Margaret Hughes 65; Philou 472; Pleasance Crawford 301; Pete Sandberg 285t; Rachel Speer 302; Elsa Phemayotin 445; Esther Wade 394; Gwen Gethner 89; Owen Stoddard 103; indigo micciché 319; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 423;

Ian Quinn 315; Carol Huang 203; Em Ekelund 290; Chris Hodges 218; Erin Fulton 69b; Dean Jens 377; Anne Kazlauskas 26; Sue Peters 415; Bill Holt 455.
Patty McNerney, Elizabeth Stoddard, and Eric Sandberg led 62 as the closing song.
Robert Stoddard dismissed the class with prayer.
Chairperson—Patty McNerney; Treasurer—Eric Sandberg; Secretary—Sara Sandberg

SWANNANOVA SHAPE NOTE SINGING
Swannanoa, North Carolina
Saturday, July 27, 2024

The 16th annual Swannanoa Shape Note Singing was held in Morris Pavilion, Warren Wilson College, in conjunction with The Swannanoa Gathering's Old Time Music and Dance Week. Sarah Kehrberg brought the class to order with announcements, and by leading 73b, followed by the opening prayer.

Leaders: Clarke Williams 47t; Jonathan Wood 48b; Eli Snyder 30b; Ron Pen 146; Maddy Mullany 171; Emma Parrish 270; Robert Kelley 419; Jane Cannon 383; Larry Hall 168; Kevin Slaughter 268; Mary Baumeister 449; Esther Morgan-Ellis 440; Kyle Johnston 162; Lily Hammond 472; Leslie Booher 274t; Jeremiah Ledbetter 81t; Chris Wilhelm 481; Dave Farmer 288; Kevin Kehrberg 149; Sarah Kehrberg 547.

RECESS

Eli Snyder brought the class to order by leading 101t. Leaders: John Plunkett 297; Andy Morse 280; Brian Boris 282; Judy Mincey 538; Steven Cook 59.

Maddy Mullany and Clarke Williams led the memorial lesson. Maddy Mullany read the names of the sick and shut-ins and led 374. Clarke Williams led 48t after reading the following list of names of the deceased: Chloe Webb—Texas; Mary Grace Walrath—Tennessee; Jeannie McLerie—New Mexico; Scott Swanton, David Wilson, and Zoe Clay—North Carolina; Charles Hiroshi Garrett and Richard Crawford—Michigan; Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Henry Guthery—Alabama.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 354t; Kevin Kehrberg 184 (CH); Jonathan Wood 25t (CH); Emma Parrish 493b (CH); Mary Baumeister 389 (CH); Leslie Booher 543 (CH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 20 (CH). Ron Pen offered a blessing on the meal.

LUNCH

Maddy Mullany began the afternoon session by leading 40b (CH). Leaders: Kyle Johnston 64 (CH); Lily Hammond 142 (CH); Jeremiah Ledbetter 258 (CH); Clarke Williams 33 (CH); Ron Pen 117 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 402b (CH); Jane Cannon 281t (CH); Judy Mincey 397b (CH); Andy Morse 36t (CH); Eli Snyder 276 (CH); Michael Spencer 495 (CH); Sarah Kehrberg 546b (CH); John Plunkett 250 (CH); Dave Farmer 544 (CH); Robert Kelley 213 (CH).

The class entered a business meeting. The class voted to keep the same slate of officers. The class voted to meet again in 2025 on the Saturday in July in conjunction with The Swannanoa Gathering's Old Time Music and Dance Week. The business meeting was closed.

RECESS

Sarah Kehrberg brought the class to order leading 16 (SoH). Leaders: Andy Morse 72t (SoH); Mary Baumeister 274 (SoH); Jonathan Wood 13t (SoH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 254 (SoH); Jane Cannon 119 (SoH); Jeremiah Ledbetter 277 (SoH); Clarke Williams 114 (SoH); Kevin Kehrberg 115 (SoH); Chris Wilhelm 330b (SoH); Michael Spencer 41 (SoH); Judy Mincey 278b (SoH); Dave Farmer 46 (SoH); Robert Kelley 108 (SoH); Eli Snyder 134 (SoH); Ron Pen 322 (SoH); Maddy Mullany 331b (SoH); John Plunkett 125 (SoH); Larry Hall and Graham Thomason 276b (SoH).

Eli Snyder reported that fifty-one singers from eight states registered, and twenty-seven leaders led seventy-one songs. Following announcements, the officers led 267, and Sarah Kehrberg offered the closing prayer.
Chairperson—Sarah Kehrberg; Vice Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Eli Snyder

MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING

Mt. Zion, Georgia
Sunday, July 28, 2024

The 130th session of the Mt. Zion Memorial Singing was held at Mt. Zion Methodist Church, Mt. Zion, Georgia, on the fourth Sunday in July. Oscar McGuire called the class to order leading 34b. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer.

Oscar McGuire welcomed the visitors and singers to Mt. Zion and led 33b.
Leaders: Glenda Collins 32t, 77t; Winfred Kerr 77b, 282; Cecil Roberts 313t, 303; Bert Collins 35, 300; Riley Webb 124, 402; Helen Bryson 112, 287; Jose Martinez 52t, 47b; Robert Chambless 84, 480.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire brought the class back to order leading 87. At a short business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambless. Leaders: Karen Rollins 45t, 373 (in memory of Margaret Perkins); Nathan Rees 497 (in memory of Richard DeLong), 501; Sheri Taylor 47t, 148; Bill DuPre 42, 512; John Plunkett 73b, 88b; Laura Frey 162, 358; Jonathon Smith 120, 228.

LUNCH

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 340. Leaders: Bill DuPre 122; Cecil Roberts 312b; Robert Chambless 225t; John Plunkett 76t; Bert Collins 399b; Nathan Rees 435 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Laura Frey 503; Jonathon Smith 335; Jose Martinez 68t; Riley Webb 123t; Winfred Kerr 283 (in memory of Rebecca Over); Glenda Collins 76b; Sheri Taylor 126.

After announcements, Oscar McGuire led 347 as the closing song. John Plunkett offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambless

MOBILE SACRED HARP SINGING

Mobile, Alabama
Saturday, August 3, 2024

The 2nd annual Mobile Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was held at Government Street United Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. Two songbooks were used; *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition* and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The class was called to order by Kevin Dyess leading 276 (CB), who gave a few introductory remarks about Sacred Harp and then extended a warm welcome to all in attendance. The opening prayer was offered by Joshua McCoy.

Selections from *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*. Leaders: Kevin Dyess 277 (CB); Charlotte Naylor 380t (CB), 155 (CB); Shawn Taylor 522 (CB); Andy Ditzler 443 (CB), 590 (CB); David Brodeur 38t (CB); Joshua McCoy 264t (CB), 282 (CB); David Ivey 541 (CB); Gary Padgett 501 (CB), 464 (CB); Nicole Bowman 465 (CB), 38b (CB); Ryan Bowman 398t (CB), 28t (CB); Nancy Van Den Akler 229 (CB), 573 (CB).

RECESS

Selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Laura Jane 159, 146; Shawn Taylor 287, 379; Natalie Naquin 323b; Andy Ditzler 271t, 107; Gary Padgett 442,

480; Caleb Cranston 299, 355; David Brodeur 171, 283; Joshua McCoy 178, 378t; David Ivey 325, 409; Nicole Bowman 455, 503.

Kevin Dyess gave the memorial lesson and led 572 (CB) in memory of the following deceased: Earl Ballinger, Pearl Guier, Henry Guthery, Janet King, Richard Mauldin, Kennon Smith, Tommie Spurlock—Alabama; Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Dan L. Burk and Susan Fetcho—California; Martha Ann Stegar—Georgia; Lydia Lewallen—North Carolina; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; Chloe Webb—Texas; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Eva Striebeck—Germany. Joshua McCoy offered prayer to close the memorial service. Kevin Dyess led 369 (CB). The abundant lunch offerings were blessed by Mrs. Margaret Dyess.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ryan Bowman leading 96 (CB). Leaders: Stefani Priskos 380b (CB), 192 (CB); DeAna Autry 392 (CB); Charlotte Naylor 274t (CB), 388 (CB); Shawn Taylor 168 (CB); Andy Ditzler 486 (CB), 348b (CB); James Trimarco 46 (CB), 127 (CB); David Brodeur 559 (CB); Joshua McCoy 293b (CB), 563 (CB); David Ivey 546 (CB); Gary Padgett 505 (CB); Nicole Bowman 543 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Nicole Bowman 547; Ryan Bowman 112; Liz Hayes 209; Daron Douglas 63, 40; Margaret Evey 312t, 338; Stefani Priskos 170, 378b; DeAna Autry 376, 457; Laura Jane 288, 318; Shawn Taylor 396, 546; Natalie Naquin 277, 47b; Andy Ditzler 93, 212; Gary Padgett 198. Announcements were made.

Kevin Dyess led 48b as the closing song. Kent Dueitt dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Kevin Dyess; Vice Chairman—DeAna Autry; Secretary—Kate Barrett

CHATTAHOOCHEE CONVENTION

Wilson Chapel, Carroll County, Georgia

August 3-4, 2024

Saturday, August 3

The 172nd session of the Chattahoochee Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August at Wilson Chapel, Cross Plains, Georgia. The class was called to order by Sheri Taylor, who welcomed everyone, and led 334. Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Frey 178; Jenna Frey 163b; Lisa Webb 222; Glenda Collins 566; Bill Dupre 32t; Lisa Bennett 52t; Barbara Brooks 72t; Karen Rollins 171; Bert Collins 168; Jim Neal 421; Judy Chambless 454; Winfred Kerr 516; Oscar McQuire 573; David Smead 372; Jane Cannon 328; David Carlton 332; Robert Chambless 335; Riley McKibbin 46.

RECESS

Laura Frey called the class to order by leading 162. Leaders: Nathan Rees 96; Jonathon Smith 329; Jose Camacho and Erick Rubro 163t.

The convention held a business session for the purpose of electing or appointing officers and committee members. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairman—Laura Frey and Lisa Webb; Secretary—Jenna Frey; Chaplin—Bill DuPre; Arranging Committee—Laura Frey and Jenna Frey; Finance Committee—Lori Goode; Memorial Committee—Lisa Webb and Oscar McQuire; Resolution Committee—Lisa Bennett and David Smead.

Leaders: Jenna Frey 45t; Alan Blake, Nelda Hadaway, John Blake, and Karrick Blake 82t, 72b; Judy Mincey 468; Lori Goode 358; Joyce Hath 82b; Daniel Williams 404; Erick Rubro 47b; Glenda Collins 100; Bill DuPre 86; Lisa Bennett 341; Jeremiah Ledbetter 498. Daniel Williams offered the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Lisa Webb, Riley McKibbin, and Christian Webb brought the class to order leading 369. Leaders: Jesse Roberts Jr. 149, 338; Barbara Brooks 119; Karen Rollins 120;

Bert Collins 124; Jim Neal 406; Judy Chambless 282; Winfred Kerr 294; Oscar McGuire, Maryland Porterfield and Mary Maynard 503; Christian Webb 63; David Smead 564 (in memory of Susan Fetcho); Jane Cannon 546; David Carlton 481; Robert Chambless 354t; Nathan Rees 268; Jonathon Smith 57; Jose Camacho 274t; Riley McKibbin 133; Judy Mincey 320; Daniel Williams 102; Erick Rubro 277; Jesse Roberts Jr. 373. Announcements were made.

Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey and Lisa Webb led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Gene Duke.

Sunday, August 4

The Sunday session of the Chattahoochee Convention was brought to order by Sheri Taylor leading 37b and 39t. Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Laura Frey 49b, 159; Jenna Frey 231, 163b; Lisa Webb 142, 334; Riley McKibbin 323b, 348b; Winfred Kerr 59, 45t; Bill DuPre 349, 426t; Oscar McGuire 515, 485; Karen Rollins 227, 327; Esther Williams 224, 270.

RECESS

Laura Frey led 451 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: John Plunkett 470, 230; Samuel Williams 547, 477; Jesse Roberts Jr. 498, 163t; Chrissy Brown 68b, 455.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Oscar McGuire and Lisa Webb. Lisa read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Beverly Rollins Thompson, Pam House, and Don Bowen. Lisa encouraged everyone to reach out to those on the list to let them know they are loved and pray for quick healing. She led 452 in honor of the sick and shut-ins.

Oscar McGuire continued the memorial lesson for the deceased by reading the following names: Clay Keirbow, Lettie Ann Driver, Rudy Allen Webb, Jerry Shadinger—Georgia; Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery, and Tommie Spurlock—Alabama; Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Susan Fetcho and Jeff Begley—California; Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; Eva Striebeck—Germany. Oscar led 285t in loving memory of the deceased. Jesse Roberts Jr. closed the memorial lesson with prayer. The class was dismissed with Gene Duke offering grace before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Laura Frey, Jenna Frey, Riley McKibbin, and Sheri Taylor brought the class back together by leading 297. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 108b, 324; Nathan Rees 325, 436; Lisa Bennett 43 (in memory of the W.D. Jones family), 70t; David Smead 339, 40; Lori Goode 551, 176b; Cecil Roberts 30t, 491 (in memory of Stanly Edwards); Judy Mincey 501, 473; Gene Duke 373, 434; Bill DuPre 500; Oscar McGuire 512; Esther Williams 33t; Jonathon Smith 112; Nathan Rees 313t; Lisa Bennett 313b (in memory of Dan Brittain); David Smead 236; Cecil Roberts 76b; Judy Mincey 33b; Gene Duke 101t.

The convention went into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. The Finance Committee, Lori Goode, read the financial report for the two days. Lisa Bennett and David Smead submitted the following resolution from the Resolutions Committee: We, the singers and members of the 172nd session of the Chattahoochee Convention thank God for the many blessings He has given to us. We are filled with gratitude for Sacred Harp, for the joy of singing and for the opportunity for fellowship with friends from near and far. We give thanks for all those singers who have gone before us and those who have kept this tradition alive and growing. We thank all the singers who participated and joined us in the fellowship, especially those who introduced new friends to Sacred Harp this weekend. We are grateful to all whose work made for a wonderful weekend of singing. We are thankful to the caretakers of Wilson Chapel for hosting us. We resolve to meet here on the first Sunday and Saturday before in August for the 173rd session of the Chattahoochee Convention. Motion was made and carried that the reports be accepted and added to the convention's minutes. Announcements were made.

Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Jenna Frey led 47b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Cecil Roberts.
Chairperson—Sheri Taylor; Vice Chairpersons—Laura Frey and Lisa Webb;
Secretary—Jenna Frey

FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION
Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette Alabama
Sunday, August 4, 2024

The 123rd session of the Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church near Fayette, Alabama, on the first Sunday in August. Chris Ballinger brought the class to order by leading 56t. Buddy Ballinger offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve:
Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson; Arranging Committee—Amber Davis.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 410t; Lisa Geist 293 (in memory of J.H. Ballinger); Nicholas Thompson 439 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Amber Davis 224; Mike Hankins 527; Louise Yeager 480; Jimmy Ballinger 565; Faye Donaldson 168 (for Betty Baccus); Rebekah Gilmore 276; Butch White 547; Jared Wootten 31t; Roma Rice 566; Lomax Ballinger 277; Andy Ditzler 564 (in memory of Susan Fetcho); Linda Booth 218; Shawn Taylor 283 (for Don Bowen); Jeff James 472.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Beth Wallace leading 268. Leaders: Buddy Ballinger and Amber Davis 343; Ainslie Allen 542; Philip Gilmore 498; David Ivey 292; Theresa Westmoreland 280; Henry McGuire 482; Jamey Wootten 48t; Katie Ballinger 145t; Ken Tate 146 (for Wanda Capps); Abigail Cannon 187; David Brodner 373; Ricky Beasley 75; Loretta Whittman 569b; Marty Wootten 313t; Cassie Allen 317; Drew McGuire 316; Beverley Nelson 155; Reba Windom 546; Larry Ballinger 528; Elene Stovall 483.

RECESS

Chris Ballinger and Rodney Ivey called the class back to order leading 270. Leaders: Shane Brown 228; Cindy Tanner 269; Rodney Ivey 30b; Julia Poston 166; Andy Ditzler 419; Drew McGuire 329; Shawn Taylor 371; David Brodeur 377; Abigail Cannon 500; Jared Wootten 186; Henry McGuire 497. Mike Hankins offered a blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist leading 215 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger). Leaders: Wayne Baines 59; Jamey Wootten 131b; Shane Brown 387; Doug Cantrell 235; David Ivey 444 (in memory of Toney Smith); Reba Windom 411; Cindy Tanner and Marty Wootten 73t; Jeff James 86; Theresa Westmoreland 299; Nicholas Thompson 189; Beth Wallace 442; Philip Gilmore 300; Cassie Allen 213t; Ricky Beasley 49b; Rebekah Gilmore 448b; Butch White 535; Louise Yeager 426b; Ken Tate 378b; Julia Poston 275b; Doug Cantrell 354b; Larry Ballinger 551 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Amber Davis 380 (for Paula Springfield). Announcements of upcoming singings were made. Chris Ballinger announced that the organizers of the Fayette County Convention had decided to move the convention to the fourth Sunday in October, starting in 2025.

Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist led 46 as the closing song. Ken Tate offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION

Near Vardaman, Mississippi

Saturday, August 10, 2024

The 146th annual session of the Calhoun County Sacred Harp Musical Association convened at Mount Herman Primitive Baptist Church near Vardaman, Mississippi. President Drew McGuire called the class to order leading 34b. Robert Earl Alexander offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Drew McGuire 225t; Warren Steel 57, 224; Mike Hankins 59, 527; Sophia Gardner 565, 277; Chris Ballinger 146, 147t; Will Gatewood 438, 358; Anne Steel 47b, 480; Matthew Pryor 141, 341; Tom Booth 440, 441; Andy Davis 430, 436.

RECESS

Drew McGuire, Macy McGuire, and Audrey McGuire called the class together leading 213t. Leaders: Mark Davis 78, 519 (WB); Will McGuire 197, 367; Robert Earl Alexander 111t, 517 (WB); Linda Booth 273, 222; Henry McGuire 495 (WB), 511 (WB), 457 (for Fred Hawkins); Nicholas Thompson 192, 189; Larry Ballinger 217, 428; Arlon Gardner 278t, 475.

LUNCH

After a plentiful and delicious lunch, President Drew McGuire restored order and led 478t (WB). Leaders: Lisa Geist 492, 528; Regina Derstine 154, 102; Warren Steel 372 (WB); Mike Hankins 168; Chris Ballinger 512; Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, and Will McGuire 492 (WB); Will Gatewood 530 (WB); Anne Steel 73t; Andy Davis 454; Mark Davis 211; Larry Ballinger 140; Linda Booth 523; Arlon Gardner 542; Regina Derstine 214; Nicholas Thompson 182; Drew McGuire 79, 236; Drew McGuire and Mark Davis 513.

In a business session, Drew McGuire was retained as President, and Warren Steel was appointed Secretary. The Executive Committee thanked the people of Mount Herman for their hospitality, and reported that the Association agreed to meet again at Mount Herman in 2025 on Saturday before the second Sunday in August with a start time of 10:00 a.m. It was announced that the State Convention would be the fourth Sunday in August and Saturday before at Antioch Church, Scott County. A singing will also be held at Taylor Methodist Church in Lafayette County on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Following announcements, the day of singing was closed by Drew McGuire leading 46 as the closing song. Arlon Gardner dismissed the convention with prayer.

President—Drew McGuire; Secretary-Treasurer—Warren Steel

CHICAGO ANN SLEEVA MEMORIAL COOPER BOOK SINGING

Quaker House, Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, August 10, 2024

The 9th annual Chicago Ann Sleeva Memorial *Cooper Book* Singing was held at Quaker House (the Meeting House of the 57th Street Meeting of Friends) in Chicago, Illinois, on the second Saturday in August. Jim Helke called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 336, and welcomed singers. Samuel Sommers gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mary Rogel 264t; Dami Osoba 68t; Samuel Sommers 55; Ginny Landgraf 378b; Will Fitzgerald 571; Devin Scherk 558; Jerry Gripshover 507b; Jim Helke 138t.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected: Chairman—Eileen Ferguson; Vice Chairman—Matthew Siefert; Secretary—Mary Rogel.

RECESS

Leaders: Eileen Ferguson 486; Erik Schwab 239; Mike Mullen 268b; Steven Schmidgall and Jim Helke 340; Matthew Siefert 485; Scott Stieg 484; Jim Crawford 395t; Eileen Ferguson 463; Carol Crawford 563; Dami Osoba 375; Samuel Sommers

450; Ginny Landgraf 318; Will Fitzgerald 98; Devin Scherk 273; Jerry Gripshover 99; Jim Helke 133; Erik Schwab 590; Mike Mullen 151; Steven Schmidgall 391; Scott Stieg 464; Jim Crawford 497; Carol Crawford 392; Eileen Ferguson 461; Mary Rogel 36b (for Rochelle Lodder). Samuel Sommers offered a prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Leaders: Samuel Sommers 319; Dami Osoba 314; June Murphy 110; Devin Scherk 505; Ginny Landgraf 89; Dan Nickel 116; Will Fitzgerald 39; Tom White 451; Jim Helke 225t (for Rochelle Lodder); Jerry Gripshover 587; Erik Schwab 63; Mike Mullen 508; Steven Schmidgall 449; Scott Stieg 244; Jim Crawford 30t.

RECESS

Leaders: Eileen Ferguson 427; Carol Crawford 540; Mary Rogel 574; Devin Scherk 444t; Dami Osoba 149; Samuel Sommers 410; Ginny Landgraf 224; Will Fitzgerald 411; Erik Schwab 581; Jim Helke 380t; Tom White 107; Dan Nickel 543; Jerry Gripshover 440b; Mike Mullen 416b; Steven Schmidgall 432; Jim Crawford 49t; Scott Stieg 146. Eileen Ferguson called for announcements and reports from the Finance Committee and the Secretary.

Eileen Ferguson and Carol Crawford led 95b as the closing song. Samuel Sommers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Eileen Ferguson; Vice Chairman—Matthew Siefert; Secretary—Mary Rogel

INDIANA STATE FAIR SINGING **Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana** **Sunday, August 11, 2024**

The Indiana State Fair Singing met at the Pioneer Village in the Indiana State Fairgrounds on the second Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Brad Bahler leading 32t. Brad Bahler also led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Robert Bahler 33b; Adrian Eldridge 209; Thomas Smith 40; John Bahler 99; Beth Garfinkle 178; Aaron Jones 192; Aaron Jones and Barbara Lehr 86; Sarah Lynne Gershon 84; Ben Easley and Noble Easley 276; Andrew Shaffer and Chris Pease 339; William McNiece 63; Brad Hughley 155; Sarah Ward 426b; Karen Bahler 551; Shannon Tibbs 163b; Brad Bahler and Hollan Potts 117; Brad Bahler 550; Sarah Ward and Kyle Walker 159; Samantha Foster 344; Carolyn Craig 48t.

RECESS

Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 101t; Robert Bahley 536; Beth Garfinkle 384; Aaron Jones 535; Thomas Smith and Barbara Lehr 350; Sarah Lynne Gershon 269; Naomi St. Andre, Cooper Reed, Carolyn Emenaker, and Sarah Lynne Gershon 47b; Andrew Shaffer and Chris Pease 48b; John Bahler 448b; Andrew Shaffer 122; William McNiece 547; Brad Hughley 128; Sarah Ward 148; Karen Bahler 74b; Shannon Tibbs 47t; Brad Bahler 29t; Samantha Foster 59; Carolyn Craig 347. Announcements were made.

Brad Bahler led 62 as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Brad Bahler; Secretary—Sarah Lynne Gershon

B.M. SMITH AND PHILIP DENNEY MEMORIAL **Carrollton, Georgia** **Saturday, August 17, 2024**

The annual B. M. Smith and Philip Denney Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia. The class was called to order by Isaac Green and Karis Askin leading 59. Denney Rogers offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairmen—Isaac Green and Karis Askin; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey; Arranging—Nathan Rees. The business session was closed.
Leaders: Isaac Green and Karis Askin 60; Cheyenne Ivey 56t; Nathan Rees 32b; Bert Collins 35; Kathy Williams 178; Winfred Kerr 36b; Laura Frey 163b; Denney Rogers 143; Bill DuPre 37b; Judy Chambless 373; Glenda Collins 99; Lee Denny 155; David Smead 203; Robert Chambless 49b; Sheri Taylor 280; Lisa Bennett 506; Daniel Williams 455; Judy Mincey 504.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Isaac Green and Karis Askin leading 82t.
Leaders: John Plunkett 53; Barbara Brooks 129; Linda Booth 269; Matt Hinton 275t; Emily Stutzman 179; Cecil Roberts 312b; Lauren Bock and Hattie Karlsberg 87; Shane Brown 442; Shawn Taylor, Irene Ruby, and Avery Evans 114; Isaac Green and Karis Askin 475, 120 (in memory of B.M. Smith and Philip Denney); Tom George 138b; Rebekah Gilmore 396; Pam Nunn 365 (for Karen Rollins); Jamey Wootten 162; Abigail Cannon 177; Oscar McGuire 573; Nathan Rees and Isaac Green 317 (for Margie Smith); Sarah George and James George 224; Blake Sisemore 532. Keith Horsley offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Isaac Green and Karis Askin leading 421. Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 423; Elene Stovall 298; Rodney Ivey and Denney Rogers 345t (for Karen Rollins), 389 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Judy Greene 334; Terry Wootten 131b; Lauren Bock, Irene Ruby, Avery Evans, Katherine Richter, Kaitlin Simotics, and Roscoe Odom Duffy 105; Karis Askin and Gayle Denney 100; Rebekah Gilmore 440; Samuel Williams 211; Shane Brown and Jamey Wootten 300; Pam Nunn 318; Blake Sisemore 548; Sarah George 430; Reba Windom and Elene Stovall 411; Cheyenne Ivey and Karis Askin 384 (in memory of Coy Ivey and Philip Denney); Tom George 447; Abigail Cannon 336; Terry Wootten 39t; Emily Stutzman 80t; Oscar McGuire 485. Announcements were made.

Isaac Green and Karis Askin led 69t as the closing song. Shane Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairman—Isaac Green; Co-chairman—Karis Askin; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

MOUNT RAINIER SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Enumclaw Senior Center, Enumclaw, Washington

Saturday, August 17, 2024

The 15th annual Mount Rainier Singing, held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, was called to order by Karen Willard leading “A Song of the PNW”. Bob Schinske offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Co-chairman—Kathy Vlach; Co-chairman—Karen Willard; Secretary—Paul Chamberlain; Treasurer—Peter Schinske; Arranging Committee—Rosie Sokolov and Ian Suchon; Chaplain—Bob Schinske; Kitchen Officer—Kate Fine; Facilities Officer—Ken Hallock.

Leaders: Rosie Sokolov 68b; Paul Chamberlain 174; Nancy Price 133 (for Pat Coghlan); Ian Suchon 38t; Laura McMurray 497; Jenna Tompkins 496b; Kathy Vlach 508; Anne Huckins 518 (in memory of Reed Schilbach); Peter Schinske 519; Karen Willard 589 (for Pat Coghlan); Deb Koch 29b; Lucinda Larsen Saue 463; Peter Abrahamsen 45t; Doug Hill 39 (for Twinker Cavallero); Kristofer Ilex 514.

RECESS

William Price brought the class to order leading 99. Leaders: Bob Schinske 559; Thomas Koehline 333 (in memory of Curtis Cook); Kate Fine 216 (for Kevin Barrans); Greg Saue 563; William Price 283 (for Cornelia Stanton); Leland Ross

95b; Nell Whitman 300; David Wright 504; Thom Fahrback 464 (for Betsy Jeronen); Ian Suchon 522; Anne Huckins 393 (for Mother Felicitas); Laura McMurray 273; Doug Hill 100; Lucinda Larsen Saue 571; Deb Koch 268b; Paul Chamberlain 348t; Kathy Vlach 30t; Nancy Price 319; Peter Abrahamsen 48b; Rosie Sokolov 98; Jenna Tompkins 294; Karen Willard 594; Thomas Koehnline 285t; Kristofer Ilex 558; Peter Schinske 581. Bob Schinske offered the noon blessing.

LUNCH

Thomas Koehnline brought the class to order leading 335. Leaders: Peter Schinske 46; Kate Fine 478; David Wright 488; Rosie Sokolov 587; Thom Fahrback 494; Nancy Price 96; Paul Chamberlain 49b; Doug Hill 54t; Jennifer Jones 87 (for Cornelia Stanton); Bob Schinske 355; Nell Whitman 148; Karen Willard 552; Greg Saue 573; Kathy Vlach 590; William Price 505; Leland Ross and Thom Fahrback 210; Anne Huckins 336t; Kristopher Ilex 567; Jenna Tompkins 346; Lucinda Larsen Saue 65.

RECESS

Nancy Price brought the class back to order leading 340. Leaders: Laura McMurray 380t; Bob Schinske 507b; Thomas Koehnline 492; Deb Koch 108b; Paul Chamberlain 227; Kate Fine 384; Ian Suchon 500; Greg Saue 515; Nell Whitman 416b; Leland Ross 416t; William Price 29t; Peter Abrahamsen 373; Thom Fahrback 450; David Wright 295; Peter Schinske 381t.

Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard led 147. Bob Schinske offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairpersons—Kathy Vlach and Karen Willard; Secretary—Paul Chamberlain

BERLIN SHENANDOAH HARMONY AND SACRED HARP SINGING

**Berlin, Germany
August 17-18, 2024
Saturday, August 17**

The 8th annual Berlin Singing weekend was held on Saturday in the Ev. Brüdergemeinde Berlin-Neukölln, Germany. Song selections were from the *Shenandoah Harmony* (ShH).

Sara Hellström called the class to order by leading 110 (ShH). Lizzy van Blerkom spoke the opening prayer. Leaders: Mella Tönnies 80 (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 3b (ShH); Graham Ball 434t (ShH); Jessica Slighter 1b (ShH); Joel Igli 140b (ShH); Dietmar Schwarz 260t (ShH); Ellen Kennedy 70t (ShH); Daniel Wippermann 22b (ShH); Petra Ertl 78 (ShH); Lizzy van Blerkom 160 (ShH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 34 (ShH); Edward Ricemeyer 13t (ShH); Chloë Spreadborough 12b (ShH); Chris Affolter 171 (ShH); Nataša Kukrika 236t (ShH); Cathy van Blerkom 130 (ShH); Greg Carson 132 (ShH).

RECESS

Meittam Govreen called the class back to order by leading 373b (ShH). Leaders: Elisabeth Schallwig 177 (ShH); Calum Parker 326b (ShH); Hannah Kennedy 180 (ShH); Mara McPartland 81 (ShH); Dominik Fraune 147 (ShH); Ruby Bilger 363b (ShH); Graham Ball 246b (ShH); Gabriel Kyne 254 (ShH); Mella Tönnies 278 (ShH); Greg Carson 407 (ShH); Sara Hellström 364b (ShH); Lizzy van Blerkom 138 (ShH); Edward Ricemeyer 288t (ShH); Cathy van Blerkom 125 (ShH); Chloë Spreadborough 287 (ShH); Joel Igli 242 (ShH); Ellen Kennedy 226 (ShH).

RECESS

Caro Stamm-Reusch called the class back to order by leading 53 (ShH). Leaders: Chris Affolter 416 (ShH); Eimear Maguire 241t (ShH); Petra Ertl viii (ShH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 323 (ShH); Joy Spreadborough 139 (ShH).

Gabriel Kyne gave the memorial lesson remembering the support he received from the singing community throughout the years. He closed the lesson by leading 77 (ShH).

Leaders: Owen Gardner 140t (ShH); Nataša Kukrika 75 (ShH); Jessica Slighter 188 (ShH); Meittam Govreen 326t (ShH); Daniel Wippermann 1t (ShH); Elisabeth Schallwig 414b (ShH); Dietmar Schwarz 404t (ShH). Chris Affolter spoke a prayer before the lunch break.

LUNCH

Sara Hellström called the class back to order for the afternoon session by leading 42 (ShH). Leaders: Meittam Govreen 137 (ShH); Dominik Fraune 422 (ShH); Mara McPartland 424 (ShH); Ruby Bilger 320 (ShH); Daniel Wippermann 306 (ShH); Edward Ricemeyer 456 (ShH); Calum Parker 114 (ShH); Hannah Kennedy 310 (ShH); Joel Igli 207 (ShH); Lizzy van Blerkom 222 (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 403 (ShH); Chloë Spreadborough 162 (ShH); Eimear Maguire 200 (ShH); Greg Carson 146 (ShH).

RECESS

Elisabeth Schallwig called the class back to order for the last session of the day by leading 105 (ShH). Leaders: Petra Ertl 285 (ShH); Owen Gardner 193 (ShH); Jessica Slighter 290 (ShH); Chris Affolter 428 (ShH); Cathy van Blerkom 340b (ShH); Joy Spreadborough 302 (ShH); Calum Parker 446 (ShH); Eimear Maguire 170 (ShH); Sara Hellström 334 (ShH); Nataša Kukrika 322 (ShH); Gabriel Kyne 335 (ShH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 204 (ShH); Mella Tönnies 121 (ShH); Hannah Kennedy 230 (ShH); Mara McPartland 264b (ShH).

Committee reports were read. Graham Ball reported that all expenses were met. Mella Tönnies gave the secretary's report that forty-eight singers and twenty-nine leaders led eighty-three songs. Thanks were given to the singers who joined us from various cities in Germany as well as from countries such as Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands, United States, Great Britain, and Israel.

Sara Hellström lead 309 (ShH) as the closing song. Joy Spreadborough offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 18

The 8th annual Berlin Singing weekend continued on Sunday in the Evangelisch-methodistische Christus-Kirche Berlin-Friedrichshain, Germany. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Jessica Slighter called the class to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Sara Hellström 39t; Lizzy van Blerkom 173; Cathy van Blerkom 82t; Petra Ertl 171; Maria Neumann-Fraune 37b; Anne Eringa 28t; Chloë Spreadborough 547; Joy Spreadborough 154; Chloë Spreadborough 372; Eimear Maguire 344; Caro Stamm-Reusch 312b; Elisabeth Schallwig 99; Inga Buckland 411 (in memory of Eva Striebeck).

RECESS

Caro Stamm-Reusch called the class back to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Mella Tönnies 377; Caitlin Jay 133; Jessica Slighter 214; Dietmar Schwarz 141; Daniel Wippermann 378t; Bettina Mileta 132; Calum Parker 383; Mareike Schmid 177; George Harvey 70b; Nataša Kukrika 209; Chris Affolter 522; Mandy Rose 440; Greg Carson 276; Cooper Thompson 178; Johannes Kunst 203; Owen Gardner 74t; Derek Buckland 267 (in memory of Eva Striebeck); Graham Ball 542; Sebastian Borkenhagen 114.

RECESS

Petra Ertl called the class back to order by calling 430. Leaders: Maria Neumann-Fraune 38t; Chloë Spreadborough 148; Sara Hellström 300; Ruby Bilger 285t; Lizzy van Blerkom 367; Cathy van Blerkom 102; Mara McPartland 444; Joy Spreadborough 299; Eimear Maguire 442; Caro Stamm-Reusch 500; Elisabeth Schallwig 532; Inga Buckland 544.

RECESS

Mella Tönnies called the class back to order by leading 112. Leaders: Chris Affolter 172; Calum Parker 434; Anne Eringa 189; Graham Ball 376; Nataša Kukrika 38b; Daniel Wippermann 347; Caitlin Jay 340; Mandy Rose 480; George Harvey 335; Mareike Schmid 86; Owen Gardner 36b; Greg Carson 268; Petra Ertl 472; Sebastian Borckenhagen 277; Derek Buckland 491; Johannes Kunst 30t. A total of sixty-five songs were led by thirty-two leaders.

Sara Hellström led 146 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sara Hallström; Secretary—Mella Tönnies

MOUNT PISGAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Evergreen Road, Sylvester, Georgia

Sunday, August 18, 2024

The Sacred Harp Singing held annually at Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Annie Peachey and Trent Peachey leading 59. Bob Meeks offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Robinson 45t, 47b; Bill DuPre 32t, 37b; Bob Meeks 73b, 72b; Bonnie Rewis 46, 313t; Oscar McGuire 34b, 503; Myrtice Meeks 129, 341; Trent Peachey 317, 37t; Annie Peachey 117; Tim Meeks 146, 77t.

RECESS

John Robinson led 68b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Bill DuPre 40; Bob Meeks 339, 569b; Bonnie Rewis 445, 49b; Oscar McGuire 171; Myrtice Meeks 490; Trent Peachey 128, 570; Tim Meeks 542.

LUNCH

Trent Peachey began the afternoon session leading 335. Leaders: John Robinson 75, 452; Bill DuPre 426t, 472; Bob Meeks 491; Bonnie Rewis 63, 294; Oscar McGuire 276, 229, 485; Myrtice Meeks 282; Trent Peachey 318, 155; Kendra Peachey 358; Patti Beasley 341, 373, 473, 39b, 480; Tim Meeks 383, 178. Announcements were made.

Bill DuPre led 347 as the closing song. Tim Meeks offered the closing prayer.

Chairman and Secretary—Tim Meeks

WILLARD BIRTHDAY SINGING (COOPER BOOK)

Enumclaw Senior Center, Enumclaw, Washington

Sunday, August 18, 2024

The 14th annual Willard Birthday Singing held on the third Sunday in August, using the Cooper Sacred Harp and the Willard Hymnary (WH) of family favorites, was called to order by Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach leading “How Cheering is the Christian’s Hope” (WH 3). William Price offered the opening prayer.

The singing was organized with the following officers: Co-chairman—Karen Willard; Co-chairman—Kathy Vlach; Secretary—Nancy Price; Treasurer—Peter Schinske; Arranging Officer—Laura McMurray; Kitchen Officer—Kate Fine; Facilities Officer—Ken Hallock.

Leaders: Kate Fine “At The Cross” (WH 9); Jenna Tompkins “The Golden Morning” (WH 8); William Price “Abide With Me” (WH 20t); Kathy Vlach “Ellacombe” (WH 14); Laura McMurray “Seeking The Lost” (WH 12); Nell Whitman “Ebenezer” (WH 31); Thomas Koehline “Tallis’ Canon” (WH 20b); Nancy Price “Revive Us Again” (WH 18); Paul Chamberlain “Sine Nomine” (WH 5); Peter Schinske “Sweet Hour Of Prayer” (WH 10); Deb Koch “Fairest Lord Jesus” (WH 4); Bob Schinske “When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder” (WH 28); Karen Willard 61 (CB); Greg Saue 507t (CB).

RECESS

Kate Fine brought the class to order leading 32t (CB). Leaders: Leland Ross and Peter Schinske 506 (CB); Lucinda Larsen Saue “Where We’ll Never Grow Old” (WH 26); Darlene Simpson-Brown 299 (CB) (in memory of her late husband’s birthday and for Karen Willard); William Price 42 (CB); Thomas Koehnline 301 (CB) (for Sidra Schkerke); Paul Chamberlain 486 (CB); Deb Koch 303 (CB); Kathy Vlach 293t (CB); Kate Fine 511t (CB) (in honor of Darlene Simpson-Brown and her late husband); Peter Schinske “Homeward Bound” (WH 22); Jenna Tompkins “Jewels” (WH 23); Greg Saue 515; Bob Schinske 46; Karen Willard “Happy Birthday” (WH 4) (dedicated to those with August birthdays); Nancy Price 572 (CB); Nell Whitman 30t (CB); Laura McMurray 411 (CB); Paul Chamberlain 48t (CB); Jenna Tompkins 443 (CB); Thomas Koehnline 122 (CB); Lucinda Larsen Saue 276 (CB); William Price 100 (CB); Deb Koch 449 (CB); Kate Fine 430 (CB); Bob Schinske 448 (CB).

LUNCH

Paul Chamberlain brought the class to order leading 162 (CB). Leaders: Peter Schinske 491 (CB); Karen Willard “Brighten The Corner” (WH 32); Greg Saue “Count Your Blessings” (WH 16); Nell Whitman 567 (CB); Bob Schinske 378b (CB); Jenna Tompkins 181 (CB); Kate Fine 591 (CB); Thomas Koehnline 195 (CB); William Price 331b (CB); Deb Koch 451 (CB); Paul Chamberlain 450 (CB); Kathy Vlach 239 (CB); Nancy Price 338 (CB); Leland Ross and Paul Chamberlain “Just as I Am”; Lucinda Larsen Saue “The Lord Bless You And Keep You” (WH 24); Laura McMurray 75 (CB); Thomas Koehnline 73t (CB); Jenna Tompkins 30b (CB); Nell Whitman 324 (CB).

RECESS

Karen Willard brought the class to order leading “Now The Day Is Over” (WH 34). Leaders: Paul Chamberlain “At The Cross” (WH 9); William Price 53 (CB); Bob Schinske and Peter Schinske 527 (CB); Kate Fine 461 (CB).

Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach led “God Be With You” (WH 35). William Price closed the singing with prayer.

Co-chairpersons—Karen Willard and Kathy Vlach; Secretary—Nancy Price

COCOA BEACH SINGING

Cocoa Beach, Florida

Saturday, August 24, 2024

The 2nd annual Cocoa Beach All-Day Shape Note Singing was held at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Cocoa Beach, Florida on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp* (1991). The class was called to order by Dean Jens, Rachel Speer, and Calvin Jens leading 59. Dean Jens then conducted a singing school leading scales from the Rudiments, page 18 and 457, 209, 159, 486.

RECESS

Rachel Speer called the class back together by leading 81t. Leaders: Dorothea Maynard 63, 318; Ann Mathis 155, 32t; José Camacho 319, 324; Madison Hilt 455; Vik Slen 95, 66; Erick Rubio 104, 106; Kevin Juarez 323b, 441. Rev. Madison Hilt offered a prayer to bless the midday meal.

LUNCH

Rachel Speer called the class back to order by leading 180. Leaders: Rachel Speer 182, 299; Molly Bagley 56b, 49t; Lisa Beasley Close 77t, 87; José Camacho 448b, 317; Madison Hilt 300; Kevin Juarez 447, 171; Vik Slen 45t, 354b; Erick Rubio 195, 47b; Dorothea Maynard 442, 383.

RECESS

Dean Jens led 445 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Den Jens 377; Rachel Speer 72b, 312b; Shelby Burke, Sadie Bagley, and Alice Burke 203, 168; Lisa Beasley

Close 61; Erick Rubio 70t, 72t; Molly Bagley 47t; Kevin Juarez 112, 479; Vik Slen 48b, 117; José Camacho 146, 405. Announcements were made. Rachel Speer offered thanks to all who attended, especially to José Camacho for keying, Dean Jens for arranging, and Sue Hall for kitchen assistance.

Rachel Speer led 62 as the closing song. Rev. Madison Hilt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Rachel Speer; Secretary—Dean Jens

CORK SINGING

Greenmount National School, Cork, Ireland

Saturday, August 24, 2024

The Cork All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Katie Ahern leading 178. Dermot Peel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Amanda Parkes 36b; Kevin Kennedy 27; Michael Walker 144; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 47t; Niamh Madigan 401; Andy Ditzler 116; Kate Kirwan 112; Dermot Peel 114; Brenda Bowley 138b; Aislinn Ahern 129; Derek Buckland 267 (for Eva Striebeck); Ailish McMahan 73t; Bryan Seale 138t; June Murphy 81t; Claire Welford 278t; Nigel Bowley 77t; Jessica Beer 348b; James Roche 99; Catherine Saunt 91; Oisín Woods 117; David Brodeur 140; Jo-anne Carlyle 448b; Colleen Jones 432; Chris Affolter 460; Sinéad Hanrahan 422.

RECESS

June Murphy called the class back to order by leading 58. Leaders: James Roche 164; Bryan Seale 187; Nigel Bowley 113; Ailish McMahan 65; Kate Kirwan 131t; Amanda Parkes 483; Chris Affolter 480; Jessica Beer 436; Andy Ditzler 440; Niamh Madigan 486; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 171; Michael Walker 528; Claire Welford 372; Brenda Bowley 400; Katie Ahern 212; Catherine Saunt 111b; Dermot Peel 183; Sinéad Hanrahan 214; David Brodeur 368; Derek Buckland 162; Jo-anne Carlisle 287; Kevin Kennedy 158; Oisín Woods 146; Aislinn Ahern 333; Colleen Jones 89. Aine Uí Cheallaigh offered the blessing before breaking for lunch.

LUNCH

Ailish McMahan called the afternoon session to order leading 127. Leaders: Claire Welford 556; Kevin Kennedy 263; Aislinn Ahern 224; Chris Affolter 522; Sinéad Hanrahan 447; David Brodeur 220; Colleen Jones 550; Nigel Bowley 466; Kate Kirwan 532; Dermot Peel 299; Bridget Walker and Kitty Walker 268; Derek Buckland 102; Amanda Parkes 110; Tim Daly 276; June Murphy 513; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 101b; Katie Ahern 426b; Andy Ditzler 434; Jo-anne Carlyle 29t; Jessica Beer 430; Michael Walker 456; Catherine Saunt 228; James Roche 496; Niamh Madigan 198; Brenda Bowley 318; Bryan Seale 411; Oisín Woods 481.

RECESS

Nigel Bowley led 39t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Kevin Kennedy 426t; Ross Harbison 335; Bryan Seale 76b; Colleen Jones 142; Bridget Walker 414; Chris Affolter 172; Jo-anne Carlisle 86; Dermot Peel 350; Catherine Saunt 362; Jessica Beer 157; James Roche 551; Sinéad Hanrahan 208; Kate Kirwan 392; Aislinn Ahern 300; David Brodeur 217; Claire Welford 313b; Niamh Madigan 29b; Derek Buckland 74t; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 196; Amanda Parkes 428; Tim Daly 122; June Murphy 98; Brenda Bowley 497; Andy Ditzler 404; Nigel Bowley 565.

Katie Ahern, Amanda Parkes, and Kevin Kennedy led 472 as the closing song. June Murphy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Katie Ahern; Secretary—Amanda Parkes

CENTRAL ONTARIO SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Ontario, Canada
August 24-25, 2024

Saturday, August 24

The 4th annual Central Ontario Sacred Harp Convention took place at Friends Meeting House in Toronto on Saturday and at Detweiler Meeting House in Roseville on Sunday, and was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August. The Saturday session was brought to order by Nicole Collins and Frank Griggs leading 48t. Chaplain Brian Harris offered the opening prayer. An Indigenous land acknowledgement was read by Nicole Collins who also gave Community guidelines. Nicole Collins and Frank Griggs led 40.

Leaders: Jan May 489, 344; Naomi Duguid 504, 228; Grace McCaskill 178, 128; Greg Jenkins and Gillian Inksetter 36b, 472; Charles Crawford 225t, 114; Elissa Bender 159, 282; Brian Harris 440, 182.

RECESS

Wesley Acheampong and Anne Evers brought the class back to order leading 68b.

Leaders: Mishi Briand 185, 245; Dan Brown 276, 268; Martha Beverly 210, 532; Spencer Stuart 378b, 56b; Max Kelly 528; Esther Wade 101b, 101t; Cecelia Kramer 71, 157; Bridge Hill Kennedy 153, 110; Holly Long 345t, 227; Kerry Cullinan 98, 513; Will Fitzgerald 441. The Lutheran Table Grace was sung and Brian Harris offered a prayer.

LUNCH

Anne Evers and Anfin Fish brought the class back to order leading 31b. Leaders: Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 29t, 419; Anne Missavage 362, 280; Molly-Claire Gillett 278t, 172; Bess Fitzgerald and Will Fitzgerald 32t, 447; Tom Evers 135, 29b; Elizabeth Todd 373, 501; Em Ekelund 349, 196; Max Kelly 155, 203; Gillian Inksetter 34t, 434; Patrick Friesen 83b, 151; Samantha Adioetomo 163t.

RECESS

Anne Evers and Laura Roth brought the class back to order leading 37b. Leaders: Anne Missavage and Nancy Spates 99; Megan Ariki and Vanessa Michael 146, 122; Murray Hibbard 457; Kathleen Macdonell 217; Bridge Hill Kennedy 391; Em Ekelund and Uhanthoen Roviljan 448t; Samantha Adioetomo 430; Kerry Cullinan 164; Martha Beverly 436; Holly Long 208; Patrick Friesen 543; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 273; Esther Wade 48b; Molly Claire Gillett 460; Beth Todd 566; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 177; Cecelia Kramer 47b. The Secretary's report for the day was made by Lloy Cook. The Treasurer's report was made by Max Kelly. Brian Harris offered the closing prayer. Nicole Collins and Frank Griggs led the closing song 347, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, August 25

Sunday session of the Central Ontario Sacred Harp Convention took place at Detweiler Meeting House in Roseville, Ontario, and was brought to order by Frank Griggs and Nicole Collins leading 47t. The opening prayer was led by Brian Harris. A welcome and Indigenous land acknowledgement was provided by Ivan Emke.

Leaders: Frank Griggs and Nicole Collins 63; John Huston 192, 276; Murray Hibbard 73b, 68b; Lynn Wilson and Bridge Hill Kennedy 270; Elisha Denburg 285t, 59; Patrick Friesen 39b, 345b; Geoffery Little 455, 31t; Naomi Duguid 287, 142.

RECESS

Anne Evers and Paul Neufeld brought the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: Martha Beverly 385b, 304; Samantha Adioetomo and Vanessa Michael 547, 76b; Cecelia Kramer 444, 380; Stuart Jackson 486, 337; Tom Evers 503.

Barney Griggs spoke and led 452 for the following sick and homebound: Bobbie Goodell, Corrone Bryant, Ruth Bryant, Marsha Camp, Gary Landrus, Jerry S.

Clarke, Don Keele, Hugh Thomas, Joe Todd, Caitlin Ortis, David Benthey Hart, Frances Miller, Carolyn Ruth, and Pleasance Crawford.

Karen McLellan spoke and led 339 to remember the following deceased: Bruce Inksetter, Roseline Oullette, and Angele Richard—Quebec; Mary McIlwraith, Martha Snyder, Roger Misienicz, Janoslaw Wajda—Ontario; Earl Ballinger, Ozella Blackmon, Chita Blakely, Henry Guthery—Alabama; Anna Hayden—New Hampshire; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Anne McMillan—Michigan; Dan Jordan and Margaret Jordan—Georgia; Dan Brittan—Arkansas; Caroline Linde—Illinois; Bill Fellingner—Vermont. Chaplin Brian Harris offered a prayer. The Lutheran Table Grace was sung before lunch.

LUNCH

Anne Evers and Kathryn Belyea brought the class back to order by leading 33b. Leaders: Bridge Hill Kennedy 73t, 277; Mishi Briand 505, 376; Giles Summer 39t, 376; Spencer Stuart 313b; Kerry Cullinan 551, 451; Phillippe Doyle-Gosselin 482, 522; Hollie Long 384, 426t; Esther Wade 506, 224; Anne Missavage 66, 236. Frank Griggs led “Geneva” (HS 96) (in honor of the Mennonite congregation that built Detweiler House).

RECESS

Anne Evers and Lloy Cook brought the class back to order leading 38t. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 317; Will Fitzgerald, Bess Fitzgerald, and Greg Jenkins 365; Beth Todd 284, 335; Alissa Bender 312b; Brian Harris 383; Molly-Claire Gillet 58; Jan May 474; Max Kelly 479; Tom Evers 448t; Grace MacCaskill 203; Em Eklend 491; Gillian Inksetter and Greg Jenkins 212. The Secretary’s report was made by Grace MacCaskill. Following this report, announcements were made. The class sang 347 as the closing song. Brian Harris led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Frank Griggs and Nicole Collins; Treasurers—Max Kelly and Tom Evers; Arranger—Anne Evers

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION

Pine Grove Church, Collinsville, Alabama

August 24-25, 2024

Saturday, August 24

The 119th session of the Lookout Mountain Convention Sacred Harp singing was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Blake Sisemore.

Leaders: Scot Oliver 100; Rodney Ivey 39b; Cindy Tanner 146 (for Wanda Capps); Cassie Allen 91 (for Nate Green); Daniel Lee 566; Jerry Turlington 129; Judy Chambless 339 (for Beverly Thompson); Linda Thomas 123t; Barbara Brooks 491; David Carlton 421; Loyd Ivey 318; Rachael Geary 475; Paula Oliver 217; Cheyenne Ivey 166; Jeremiah Ledbetter 405.

RECESS

Scot Oliver and Paula Oliver led 42 to bring the class together. Leaders: Nathan Rees 101t, 268 (by request); Sarah George 411; Joyce Morton and Rodney Ivey 99 (in memory of Bud Oliver); Bill DuPre 107; David Smead 419; Elene Stovall 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Peter Trumbore 106; Alex Forsyth and Rodney Ivey 108t, 282 (for David Knight); Dennis George 195; Robert Chambless 452.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Cassie Allen leading 345b. Leaders: Keillor Mose 89; Tom George 409; Lisa Bennett 177 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Lily Underwood 29t; Susan Lee 564; Jerusha Wheeler 228; Lauren Bock 351; Shane Brown 183; Dewitt Cox 72b; Larry Brasher 87; Glenda Collins 76b; Abigail Cannon

340; Lloyd Bricken 348b; Richard Ivey 150. Shane Brown asked the blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Dennis George leading 335. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 278b; Meredith Ivey 153; Everett Ivey 203; Ainslie Allen 460 (for Lucy Heidorn); Mamie Sisemore and Meredith Ivey 45t; Samuel Williams 502; Keillor Mose and Cheyenne Ivey 222; Peter Trumbore and Sarah George 300; Jerry Turlington 358; David Carlton 332; Jeremiah Ledbetter 338; Barbara Brooks 410t; Alanna Blanks 551; Susan Lee 349; Lisa Bennett 522; Glenda Collins 32t; Lauren Bock and Jesse P. Karlsberg 73t; Shane Brown 492; David Smead 187; Daniel Lee 28b; Bill DuPre 85; Rachael Geary 426b; Alex Forsyth 131b; Cassie Allen 122 (for Pauline Oliver), 403 (in memory of Milton Oliver); Tom George 234 (in memory of Mary Ruth Stiefel). Announcements were made.

Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 312b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bill DuPre.

Sunday, August 25

The Sunday session of the Lookout Mountain Convention began at 9:30 a.m. The class was called to order by Scot Oliver leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Daniel Williams.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 270; Cindy Tanner 208l Loyd Ivey 283; Abigail Cannon 179; Samuel Williams 474; Mike Hankins 168; Jerry Turlington 406; Prisca Rice 136; Jeanette Dollar 358; Peter Trumbore 480; Daniel Williams 240; Jeremiah Ledbetter 462; Emily Stutzman 371.

RECESS

Paula Oliver led 314 to bring the class together. Leaders: Barrett Patton 186 (in memory of Barrett Ashley); Mark Carroll 37b; Alana Blanks and Emma Blanks 405; Jackie Tanner 298 (in memory of Lamar Smith); Beth Wallace 560; Alex Forsyth 448t; Sarah George and James George 428; Elene Stovall 440; Keillor Mose 434; Keillor Mose and Mamie Sisemore 59; Jamey Wootten 317; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 318.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Cheyenne Ivey leading 76b. Leaders: Daniel Lee 106; Larry Brasher 68b; Rachael Geary 215; Cassie Allen, Ainslie Allen, and Jackie Tanner 189.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Daniel Williams and Abigail Cannon. The list of names of the sick and shut-ins follows: Wanda Capps, Shane Wootten, Donna Wootten, Betty Shepherd, Chris Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Ed Thacker, and Margaret Thacker. The following list of names of the deceased was read: Myrline Redmon, Chita Blakeley, Glenn Conn, Earl Ballinger, Ozella Blackmon, Henry Guthery—Alabama; Mel Kersey—Tennessee; Beverly Thompson—Georgia; Tom Tucker—Virginia; Lloyd Caldwell and P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; and Hilde Doherty. Daniel and Abigail led 176t. The memorial service was closed.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 134; Tom George 389; Larry Ballinger 518; Lily Underwood 81t; Susan Lee 56b.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Rodney Ivey leading 56t. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 380; Reba Windom 196; Shane Brown 383; Linda Thomas 217; Joyce Morton 36b; Paula Oliver 532; Charles Stiefel 123b (in memory of S.T. Reed); Cheyenne Ivey 212; Linda Sides 225t; Beth Wallace 442 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Peter Trumbore and Sarah George 84; Prisca Rice 165; Nathan Rees 306; Jeremiah Ledbetter 498; Alex Forsyth 182; Keillor Mose 61; Rachael Geary 542; Daniel Lee 65; Emily Stutzman 504; Barrett Patton and Cindy Tanner 220; Susan

Lee 209; Shane Brown 441; Jerry Turlington 162; Loyd Ivey 460; Daniel Williams 568. Announcements were made.

Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 62 as the closing song. Shane Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Scot Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Cassie Allen

MISSISSIPPI STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Forest, Mississippi

August 24-25, 2024

Saturday, August 24

The 93rd session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August. Four books were used for song selections during the weekend including *The Christian Harmony* (CH), *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition* (CB), *The J.L. White Sacred Harp* (WB), and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Mark Davis welcomed everyone and thanked the people of Antioch Church for hosting the convention. He called the class to order by leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Robert Vaughn.

Leaders: Mark Davis 74b; Henry McGuire 432b (CH), 54 (CH); Darlene Reynolds 490, 505 (CB); Arlon Gardner 278t, 183; Robert Vaughn 97, 75; Charlie McGuire 181, 300; Mike McNeill 573 (CB), 522 (CB); Jeff James 514 (CB), 548 (CB); Amy Wells 518 (CB), 393 (CB).

RECESS

Mark Davis brought the class back to order and appointed the following singers to the Business Committee: Charlie McGuire, Will Gatewood, and Nicholas Thompson. Leaders: Mark Davis 126; Prisca Rice 543t (WB), 526 (WB); Lisa Geist 528, 472; Mary Beth Garrison 50 (CH), 361; Sophia Gardner 288, 277; Dawn Van 559 (CB), 128 (CB); Danny Creel 133 (CB), 186 (CH); Dennis Cranford 30b, 155; Anders Wells 99, 110. Arlon Gardner asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mark Davis led 326 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Cheryl McNeill and Mike McNeill 204t (CH), 172 (CH); Will Gatewood 514 (CH), 82t (CH); Sonja Kirkham 450 (CB), 100 (CB); Haisley Perkins 78t (CH), 131 (CH); Regina Derstine and Todd Derstine 513t (CB), 384 (CB); Chris Nicholson 212 (CB), 293b (CB); Drew McGuire 475, 552 (CB); Nicholas Thompson 304, 176 (CH).

In a business session, the following officers were elected to serve for the weekend: Chairman—Mark Davis; Vice Chairman—Drew McGuire; Secretary/Treasurer—Darlene Reynolds; Chaplain—Arlon Gardner.

Leaders: Mark Davis 454 (for Darlene Reynolds); Prisca Rice 168b (CH); Robert Vaughn 118b (WB); Chris Nicholson 67b (CH); Drew McGuire 236.

Mark Davis led “The Drone” as the closing song. Arlon Gardner dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, August 25

The Sunday session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention met again at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi. The class was called to order by Mark Davis leading 37b. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Mark Davis 77t; Drew McGuire 56b, 368b (CH); Darlene Reynolds 486t (WB), 511 (WB); Arlon Gardner and Sophia Gardner 151 (CH), 111b; Charlie McGuire 456, 336; Haisley Perkins and Nicholas Thompson 77 (CH), 78t (CH); Sophia Gardner 457, 278t; Sonja Kirkham 189 (CH), 269 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Mark Davis 140; Chris Nicholson 38t (CB), 464 (CB); Amy Wells, Corinne Wells, and Helen Wells 146, 112; Andy Davis 455, 436; Jane Armstrong 72b, 63;

Will McGuire 197, 215; Anders Wells 70b, 76b; Will Gatewood 490b (WB), 38t (WB); Nicholas Thompson 16 (CH), 364 (CH). Arlon Gardner asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Mark Davis brought the class to order and appointed Chris Nicholson to serve as the Memorial Committee and Lisa Geist to serve as the Resolutions Committee.

Leaders: Mark Davis 106; Lisa Geist 391, 527; Henry McGuire 410 (WB); Henry McGuire and Nicholas Thompson 460; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 138t (CB); Andy Davis, Regina Derstine, and Todd Derstine 254.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Chris Nicholson. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Marlin Beasley, Betty Shepherd, Chris Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, David Light, John Lee Van Horn, Judith Gatewood, Alice McGuire, Colvin Mann, and Leon Ballinger. Chris led 54t (CB).

The following list of names of the deceased was read aloud by Chris Nicholson: Larry Wise—Mississippi; Henry Guthery, Earl Ballinger, Ozella Blackmon, Chaeta Blockman, and Richard Mauldin—Alabama; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Eva Striebeck—Germany. Chris led 285t (CB). Arlon Gardner closed the memorial service with prayer.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports. The Business and Credentials Committee reported the collections and expenses for the weekend. Lisa Geist reported the resolutions thanking Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for hosting the convention. She thanked the cooks for bountiful meals. She thanked God for visitors who came to join good fellowship and good singing. The business session was closed. Announcements were made.

Mark Davis, Henry McGuire, and Drew McGuire led “The Drone”. Arlon Gardner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds

MAIDENCREEK SINGING

Leesport, Pennsylvania

Saturday, August 31, 2024

The 27th annual Maidencreek All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before Labor Day at the Maidencreek Friends Meeting House. Rachel Hall called the class to order by leading 33b. Nancy Tkacs offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held, and the following slate of officers was approved to serve: Chairman—Hollie Long; Vice Chairman—Kyle Johnson; Treasurer—Maddie Smith; Secretaries—Lyn Koehnlne and Jeff Geib.

Hollie Long welcomed everyone and made opening remarks, after which she led 77b. Leaders: Lyn Koehnlne and Jeff Geib 34b; Nancy Tkacs 47t; Elizabeth Patton 97; Patti Davis 277; Guy Bankes 344; Wyn Batson 383; Anna Melton 315; Matthew Kaufmann 406; Ted Stokes 301; Ellie Knickman 479; Scott Robinson 107; Ruth Wampler Hissong and Dennis Hissong 436; Tom Stokes 402.

RECESS

Tarik Wareh called the class back to order by leading 384. Kyle Johnson led the German lesson with remarks about the many religious traditions found in Pennsylvania that originated in Germany, and about the song “Hants” which he then led.

Leaders: Doug Kurtze 362; Lindsay Falbo 56b; Lamar Matthew 35; Elizabeth Pilar 274t; Susan Loucks 497; Leon Pulsinelle 326; Brady Sandoro 507; Laura Densmore 349; Maddie Smith 319; Sophie Sokolov 111b; Kobi Bordoley 278t; Jocelyn Kurtze 170.

RECESS

Korey Guerrieri called the class back to order by leading 70b. Kathe Holley led 34t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Julie Adams, Mardi Brody, Tom Waggener, Sue Wemetette-Rice, Gayle Roach, Bobbie Goodell, Corrone Bryant, Dan Phemayotin, Melissa Howrey Fulton, Gayle Denney, Larry Wootten, John Hohenstein, Debbie Hall, Dan Coppock, Dan Hertzler, Jenny Wright, and Barb Galvin.

Chris Holley conducted the memorial lesson and led 499 in memory of: Ellen Tepper, Tom Tucker, Ethel Henderson, Karen Hohenstein, Alice Parker—Pennsylvania; Dan Riley, Charlette Ehrman, Heather Wood—New York; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Nancy Paris—Kentucky; Ruth Ann Bryant—Maine; Suellen Leonard—North Carolina; Grace Chappell—New Jersey; Ann Schluter—Minnesota, Carleta McCain—Florida, Patty Bradley—Wisconsin; Susan Fetcho—California. Ruth Wampler Hisson offered prayer.

Leaders: Sara Lott 187; Kevin I Slaughter and Landon Peer 268; Jasmine Mendoza 377; Sam Adioetomo, Adrian Adioetomo, and Kelly Fifield 448t; Lindsay Kruse 290; Daniel Zaloum 39t; Corinne Ducey 379; Sebastian Beaghen 270; Rosie Sokolov 203; Colleen Hayes 522; Alanna Goodman 500. Nancy Tkacs offered the blessing over the food before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Pete Sandeen, who led 163b. Leaders: Elsa Phemayotin 445; Charles Biada 208; Emma Rose Brown 419; Peter Pate 503; Barbara Swetman 196; Izzy Ross 430; Gwen Gethner 573; Rachel Farber 426b; Faiz Wareh 52b; Marlena Ospina 287; Sam Kleinman 189; Michaela Natal 297; Erin Fulton 322; Sam Dembling 37b; Marie Brandeis 328; Ryan Courtney 339; Nancy Mandel 564; Ernest Chamberlain 235; Gina Balestracci 26; Hayden Arp 269.

RECESS

Wyn Batson called the class back to order by leading 146. Leaders: Tarik Wareh 403; Rob Arbelo 442; Roland Hutchinson 524; Leah Weston 455; Korey Guerrieri 454; Ian Davis 354t; Lorah Hopkins 320; Rachel Hall 285b; Annie Reynolds 81t; Doron Henkin 192; Jonathon Kadar-Kallen 263; Ben Fink 299; singers from New England including Connecticut 171; singers from D.C., Maryland, and Virginia 82t; singers from New York and New Jersey 112; singers from Pennsylvania but not Philadelphia 47b; singers from Philadelphia 48t.

The Secretary reported that eighty-two songs were led by more than eighty-two people. One hundred people were registered from nine states and Washington, D.C. Announcements were made.

Hollie Long led 347 as the closing song. Nancy Tkacs led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Hollie Long; Vice Chairman—Kyle Johnson; Secretaries—Lyn Koehnline and Jeff Geib

MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION

Cullman County, Alabama

Saturday, August 31, 2024

The Mulberry River Convention Sacred Harp singing was held at Dodge City Town Hall, Cullman County, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in September.

The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 30t. Tom Booth offered the opening prayer. Danny Creel led 32t.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers and committee members to serve: Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Danny Creel 137; Butch White 313b; Nancy Phillips 112, 63, 196; Linda Booth 39t, 39b, 47t; Linda Booth and Jean Ponder 45t; Mary Beth Garrison 149, 178, 475; Yancey Jett 317, 312b, 440.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Butch White leading 34b. Leaders: Beth Branscome 148, 171, 467; Larry Ballinger 448t, 448b, 528; Hazel Heinze 438, 99, 413; Jeff James 569b, 569t, 86; Ainslie Allen 498, 186, 299 (for Wanda Capps).

RECESS

Butch White led 547 to bring the class together. Leaders: Tom Booth 176b, 177, 204; Ken Tate 234, 147t, 67; Brenda Chafin 110, 187, 426b. Danny Creel asked the blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Danny Creel leading 106. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 431 (in memory of Henry Guthery), 436 (for David Light), 439 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Cassie Allen 500, 567, 272; Ann Jett 496, 495, 546; Lisa Geist 328, 215, 273, 564; Danny Creel 111b; Jeff James 61; Mary Beth Garrison 318; Beth Branscome 460; Hazel Heinze 515; Linda Booth 216; Nancy Phillips 182; Ken Tate 123t; Larry Ballinger 428; Ann Jett 269; Nicholas Thompson 192; Cassie Allen 327. Announcements were made.

Danny Creel led 46 as the closing song. Ken Tate dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Ann Jett

NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING **Ringgold, Louisiana** **Saturday, August 31, 2024**

The 18th annual Sacred Harp singing convened at New Providence Primitive Baptist Church, Ringgold, Louisiana, on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Robert Vaughn Leading 59 (CB). The opening prayer was offered by Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 75 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 276 (CB), 427 (CB); Gaylon Powell 98 (CB), 36t (CB); Allison Langston 133 (CB), 171 (CB); Chris Nicholson 422t (CB), 422b (CB); Kristie Powell 464 (CB), 482 (CB); Tim McClain 47t (CB), 45t (CB); Cory Winters 30t (CB), 113 (CB).

RECESS

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order by leading 31t (CB). Leaders: Glen Turner 63 (CB), 449 (CB); Joan Smith 225t (CB), 100 (CB); Will Gatewood 574 (CB), 575 (CB); Mallory Hoopingarner and Harper Hoopingarner 40 (CB), 78 (CB); Peggy Ray 64 (CB), 358 (CB); Gaylon Powell 505 (CB); Will Gatewood and Valerie Gatewood 511t (CB). Bro, Glen Turner offered prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Robert Vaughn Leading 111tt Leaders: Allison Langston and Cory Winters 472; Allison Langston 222; Chris Nicholson 212, 503; Sonya Kirkham 207, 143; Kristie Powell 81t, 274t; Tim McClain 318, 535; Cory Winters “Lee Creek CM”, 142; Glen Turner 72b, 49t; Joan Smith 47b, 127.

Announcements were made.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 448t; Will Gatewood 163t, 490; Peggy Ray 34b, 323b; Valerie Gatewood and Will Gatewood 300, 452; Gaylon Powell 223, 173; Allison Langston 335; Chris Nicholson 313b; Kristie Powell 39t; Cory Winters and Allison Langston 481; Will Gatewood and Valerie Gatewood 213b, 480; Gaylon Powell 133. Robert Vaughn led 62 as the closing song. Tim McClain offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham

FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING

Wheeler Park, Geneva, Illinois

Sunday, September 1, 2024

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing was held on the Sunday before Labor Day at Wheeler Park in Geneva, Illinois, as part of the 48th annual Fox Valley Folk Music and Storytelling Festival.

Jim Helke called the class to order at 11:00 a.m., welcomed new singers, and explained some rudiments of Shape Note Singing. We turned to page 18 in *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition and sang a few scales.

Leaders: Eileen Ferguson 34b; Megan Dunning 31t; Ingrid Nelson 45t; Jim Helke 565; Kathleen Taylor 47b; Sally Youngquist 503; Sarah Kierstad 105; Mark Bruns 117; Paul Hough 39t; Dave Barford 128; Eileen Ferguson 84; Nina Graham 89; Jill Muirhead 312b; James Sollenberger 86; Jane Murphy 410t; Ingrid Nelson 49t; Terry Cunningham and Lucas Pomeroy 40; Rochelle Lodder and Mark Bruns 155; Mark Dawson 236; Jim Helke 347. Announcements were made of local singings. Jim Helke dismissed the class at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman—Jim Helke; Secretary—Eileen Ferguson

LABOR DAY SINGING

Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama

Monday, September 2, 2024

The 104th annual session of the Shoal Creek Labor Day singing combined with the 135th annual session of the Cleburne County Convention was held on the first Monday in September at the Shoal Creek Church in the Talladega National Forest in Cleburne County, Alabama. Cecil Roberts called the class together leading 49t.

Judy Chambless offered the morning prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed the visitors and singers and led 49b. Leaders: Bert Collins 35, 542; Winfred Kerr 47b, 225t; Oscar McGuire 34b, 171; Daniel Williams 201, 74t; Karen Rollins 540, 45t; Glenda Collins 105, 124; Prisca Rice 122, 36b; Robert Chambless 480, 84.

RECESS

Judy Chambless brought the class back to order leading 373 and 282. Leaders: Bill DuPre 107, 29t; Emily Eddins 337, 474; Stanley Smith 79, 430; Dana Eddins 47t, 39b; Shane Brown 128, 78.

In a short business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman—Samuel Williams; Vice Chairman—Daniel Williams; Secretary—Judy Chambless. Leaders: Nathan Rees 348t, 176t; Jamey Wootten 37b, 389; Rodney Ivey 317, 345t; Judy Mincey 434, 320; Curtis Spivey 59, 358; Cecil Roberts 76b, 491; Prisca Rice 141, 138t; Fallon Dyer 354b.

LUNCH

Daniel Williams brought the class back to order leading 284. Leaders: Bill DuPre 426t; Oscar McGuire 556; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 454; Emily Eddins 551; Rodney Ivey and Stanley Smith 129; Judy Mincey 475; Robert Chambless 303; Nathan Rees 299; Dana Eddins 192; Shane Brown 73b; Winfred Kerr 89; Jamey Wootten 101t; Stanley Smith 153; Fallon Dyer 146; Prisca Rice 314; Judy Mincey 270; Rodney Ivey and Stanley Smith 384; Emily Eddins 398; Dana Eddins 385b; Fallon Dyer 235. Announcements were made.

Samuel Williams led 56b as the closing song. Shane Brown offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Samuel Williams; Vice Chairman—Daniel Williams; Secretary—Judy Chambless

BOB MEEK MEMORIAL
Brownsboro, Kentucky
Saturday, September 7, 2024

The Ohio Valley Sacred Harp Music Association's annual Bob Meek Memorial Singing at Harrods Creek Historic Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky, was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Tom Morton leading 49t. Tom introduced Buford Parish, the sexton of Harrods Creek Baptist Church, who welcomed all and gave a brief history of the historic church building, which was built in 1810. Tom Morton led 49b. The invocation was given by Zach Davis.

Leaders: Tim Morton 101t; Tim Gregg 68t; Randy Weber 504; Hans Bayer 131t; Zach Davis 56b; Jubal Bayer 171; Joy Dunn 274t; Bill Hayes 551; Mike Grimes 159; Joel Decker 176t; Kelly Toon 318; Adrian Eldridge 209; Ray Rechenberg 277; Beth Garfinkel 528; Thomas Smith 217; Rich Overton 373.

RECESS

Tom Morton gave instructions on church interior etiquette and location of restrooms in new church hall. The class was called back together by Shannon Tibbs leading 148. Leaders: Prisca Rice 89; Clara Herr 163t; Sarah Ward 142; Thomas Koehnline 338; Greg Creech 74b; David Casenhiser 99; Sarah Lynn Gershon 273; David Carlton 332.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Michelle Cull, who read the sick and shut-ins list, and led 68b. Liz Meitzler Guevara gave the memorial for those who died, and led 122. Carol Russ made some additional comments for the memorial.

Leaders: Jim Herr 285t; Delaney Bowers 448t; Barbara Lehr and Adrian Eldridge 288. A blessing given by Zach Davis before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Erin Fulton leading 213t. Leaders: Zack Davis 53; Kelly Toon 457; Adrian Eldridge 434; Tim Reynolds 173; Liz Meitzler Guevara 215; Joy Dunn 282; Mike Grimes 236; Randy Weber 66; Tim Morton and Ray Rechenberg 198. Tim Morton gave the Treasurer's report.

Leaders: Delaney Bowers 312b; Thomas Koehnline 76b; Ray Rechenberg 268; Michelle Cull 344; Beth Garfinkel 64; Claudia Baldwin 567.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Jubal Bayer leading 378t. Leaders: Tim Gregg 426b; Sarah Lynne Gershon 448b; David Casenhiser 146; Sarah Ward 178; Shannon Tibbs 333; Hans Bayer 455; David Carlton 538; Greg Creech 33b; Jim Herr 556; Barbara Lehr and Adrian Eldridge 45t; Ray Overturf 100; Thomas Smith 497; Joel Decker 499; Tim Reynolds 492; Claudia Baldwin 133; Erin Fulton 399b; Liz Meitzler Guevara 29t. Announcements were made. Singers came from seven states (KY, IN, OH, TN, MO, MA, and VA).

The class sang 347 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Zach Davis, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tom Morton; Secretary—William (Bill) Hayes

CAPE MEARES SINGING
Cape Meares Community Center, Cape Meares, Oregon
Saturday, September 7, 2024

The 2024 Cape Meares All-Day Singing was called to order by Betsy Jeronen leading 448b. Kate Fine offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held, and the following officers were named: Chairman—Betsy Jeronen; Treasurer—Gin McCollum; Secretary—Nancy Novotny.

Leaders: Nancy Novotny 31b; Dorothy Mitchell 474; Kim Lusk 82t; Steve Tarr 442; Tamara Wallace 31t; Linda Selph 564 (in memory of Susan Fetcho); Steve Cackley

321; Kate Fine 111b; Doug Hill 47t; Ruth Linehan 421; Jamie Dawson 385t; Dorothy Robinson 477; Peter Abrahamsen 335; Nell Whitman 300; Bob Schinske 277; Kate Coxon 168.

RECESS

Dorothy Mitchell called the class to order leading 34b. Leaders: John Berendzen 566; Anna Yuan and Chris Noren 65; Dave Barber 64; Deb Koch 499; Maggie Zhou 527; Jennifer Jones 417; Sam Kleinman 396; Laura McMurray 67; Carrie Walker 318; Sarah Berry 503; Mark Miller 368; Lindy Groening 173; Edouard Beaudry 114; Emma Swartz 384; Sam Thomas 383; Chris Noren 377.

RECESS

Julius Pasay called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Thom Fahrbach 108t; Elsa Phemayotin 376; Pat Coghlan 492; Claire Hogan 367; David Schmitt and Stephanie Fida 278t (for Julia Zaffarano); Eleanor Stevens 457; Peter Schinske 344; Spencer Stuart 163b; Rosie Sokolov 34t; Madeleine Donegan and Edouard Beaudry 410t; Kristofer Ilex 170; David Wright 167; Jenna Tompkins 112; Julius Pasay 505. Kate Fine offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Chris Noren called the class to order leading 49b. Leaders: Kevin Barrans 337; Stephanie Fida and David Schmitt 311 (in memory of Steve Helwig); Linda Selph 382; Mark Miller 266; Lindy Groening 278b; Bob Schinske 316; Maggie Zhou 185; Claire Hogan 522; Sam Thomas 504; Elsa Phemayotin 445; Sam Kleinman 228; Rosie Sokolov 227; Peter Schinske 217; Edouard Beaudry 304; Kristofer Ilex 542; Dave Barber 426b; Kim Lusk 179; Spencer Stuart 378b; Eleanor Stevens 254; Jenna Tompkins 299; Julius Pasay 454; David Wright 99.

RECESS

Tamara Wallace called the class to order leading 66. Leaders: Peter Abrahamsen 268; Deb Koch 175; Pat Coghlan 214; Madeleine Donegan and Edouard Beaudry 276; Kevin Barrans 354t; Laura McMurray 339; David Schmitt 548; Doug Hill 177; Nancy Novotny 475; Carrie Walker 472; Jennifer Jones, Emma Swartz, and Bradley Knoke 436; Steve Cackley and Ruth Linehan 212; Thom Fahrbach and Jamie Dawson 323b; Steve Tarr and Nell Whitman 29t; Dorothy Mitchell, Dorothy Robinson, Kate Fine, John Berendzen, and Anna Yuan 162.

The business meeting was reopened. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported a total of sixty-four registered singers, fifty leaders, and eighty-seven songs sung. Announcements of future singings were made.

Betsy Jeronen led 36b as the closing song. Kate Fine offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Arranging Officer—Chris Noren; Secretary—Nancy Novotny

GREENVILLE-PIONEER DAY SINGING **Simpsonville, South Carolina** **Saturday, September 7, 2024**

The Greenville-Pioneer Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at The Church of Greenville, Simpsonville, South Carolina, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 32t. Jonathan Wood offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Leon Carnell 39t, 40; Jane Cannon 33b, 176b; Barbara Brooks 119, 303; Jeremiah Ledbetter 271b, 113; Frances Carnell 66, 314; Andy Morse 542, 77t; Mary Baumeister 358, 359; Emma Parrish 299, 65; Jonathan Wood 45t, 50t; Chris Wilhelm 47t, 56b; Jesse Roberts 181, 263.

RECESS

Robert Kelley called the class back to order by leading 429. Leaders: Dave Farmer 84, 332; Leon Carnell 107, 163b; Jane Cannon 315, 546; Barbara Brooks 235, 410t; Jeremiah Ledbetter 445, 133; Frances Carnell 448t, 313t; Andy Morse 99, 313b. Jesse Roberts offered thanks before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Robert Kelley leading 424. Leaders: Mary Baumeister 294; Emma Parrish 472, 481; Jonathan Wood 87, 185; Chris Wilhelm 90, 168; Jesse Roberts 142; Dave Farmer 365, 454; Chris Carnell 326, 277; Sarah Carnell 254, 535; Jacob Lindler 522, 95; Eric Carnell 350, 335; Joy Carnell, Gloria Carnell, and Rebecca Carnell 171, 117.

RECESS

Robert Kelley led 398 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Miriam Carnell 282, 445; Barbara Brooks 491; Jesse Roberts 178; Emma Parrish 31t; Jeremiah Ledbetter 78; Jane Cannon 349; Mary Baumeister 540; Andy Morse 284; Jonathan Wood 285b; Chris Carnell 430, 34t; Jacob Lindler 32b. Announcements were made.

Robert Kelley led 549 as the closing song, and Jonathan Wood dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Dave Farmer

KENNEDY CREEK SINGING **Kennedy Creek Resort, Suches, Georgia** **Saturday, September 7, 2024**

This special singing was held as part of the Kennedy Creek Old-Time Music Festival. At 9:15 a.m., Sasha Hsuczyk taught an introductory lesson for new singers in which she led 45t. The class was then called to order by Sasha Hsuczyk leading 56t. Jim Neal offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sasha Hsuczyk 33b; Esther Morgan-Ellis 34b, 38b; Judy Mincey 40, 503; David Smead 175, 338; Stefani Priskos 97, 353; Cooper Sandefur 168, 163t; Lisa Bennett 162, 155; Cameron Adams 479, 268; Hannah Underwood 56b; Hannah Underwood and Lisa Bennett 408; James Burrell 300, 303; Moriah Miller 63, 178 (in honor of Lily Hammond); Jim Neal 406, 105.

RECESS

Sasha Hsuczyk called the class back to order leading 30b. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 506, 411; John Plunkett 74b, 71; Sarah Seabolt 147t; Sasha Hsuczyk 69b, 542; Esther Morgan-Ellis 271t, 224; David Smead 410t, 499; Moriah Miller 159, 270; Cameron Adams 146, 344; Judy Mincey 473, 475; John Plunkett 41, 93; Jim Neal 81t, 84.

LUNCH

Sasha Hsuczyk called the class back to order leading 29t. Leaders: Cooper Sandefur 47b, 448t; Lisa Bennett 315, 430; Shawn Taylor 362, 111b; Sharon Morden 457, 85; James Burrell 308, 312b; Sylvia Price 46; Hannah Underwood 404, 82t; John Plunkett 227; Jim Neal 122; Judy Mincey 320; David Smead 234; Lisa Bennett 110; James Burrell 39t; Cooper Sandefur 313b; Hannah Underwood and Shawn Taylor 235; Esther Morgan-Ellis 207; Sasha Hsuczyk 274b.

Sasha Hsuczyk led 62 as the closing song. Jim Neal offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sasha Hsuczyk; Secretary—Esther Morgan-Ellis

NALL AND FLOYD MEMORIAL SINGING **Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church, Molino, Florida** **Saturday, September 7, 2024**

The annual Nall and Floyd Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in September. Gary Padgett brought the class to order by leading 367 (CB). He welcomed the class and led 36b (CB). Tim Royappa asked the

Lord's blessing on the day. Kevin Eddins led a devotional during which he read from Psalm 47 and led 120 (CB), 168 (CB), and 293b (CB).

Leaders: Evie Strickland 71 (CB); Jay Larson 106 (CB); John Kelley 63 (CB); Elam Eddins 102 (CB); Anne Royappa 140 (CB); Asher Smith 127 (CB); Russ Scholz 447t (CB); Eli Eddins 553 (CB); Ryan Bowman 49b (CB); Emily Eddins 431 (CB); Everett Smith 484 (CB); Darby Hamann 331b (CB); Katherine Wever 52t (CB).

RECESS

Gary Padgett brought the session to order leading 300 (CB). Leaders: Tim Royappa 268b (CB); Edith Eddins 108t (CB); Mabel Larson 404 (CB); Owen Smith 274t (CB); Wynette Smith 475 (CB); Elliot Eddins 121 (CB); Nicole Bowman 183 (CB); Mary Huffman 575 (CB); Tim Taylor 77t (CB); Chris Nicholson 395b (CB); Charlotte Naylor 155 (CB); Joy Pearson 558 (CB); Uzziah Smith 392 (CB); Lars Larson 380t (CB); Ezra Eddins 507b (CB).

The memorial lesson was led by Stanley Smith. He read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Billy Kelley, Marion Patrick, Cathy Maddox. Stanley then read the list of names of the deceased: Tommie Spurlock, Janet King, Kennon Smith. He led 99 (CB) in memory of the deceased. He closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Singing continued with Ewan Eddins leading 504 (CB). Leaders: Jonathan Wever 464 (CB); Dana Eddins 48b (CB); Luke Strickland 427 (CB); Ethan Eddins 168 (CB); Gerald Manning 38b (CB); Stanley Smith and Farrel Stearns 518 (CB). The class sang 369 (CB) and Chris Nicholson gave thanks for the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with the class singing 96 (CB). Gary Padgett then led 278b (CB). Leaders: Evie Strickland 31b (CB); Mary Huffman 28b (CB); Chris Nicholson 422t (CB); Kate Larson and Vanessa Martin 559 (CB); Russ Scholz and Rebecca McBride 283 (CB) (for Virginia Rigby); Tim Taylor 54t (CB); Stanley Smith 112 (CB); John Kelley 100 (CB); Everett Smith 277 (CB); Wynette Smith 358 (CB); Darby Hamann 451 (CB); Jay Larson 282 (CB); Elam Eddins 385t (CB); Anne Royappa 65 (CB); Asher Smith 546 (CB); Ryan Bowman 543 (CB); Katherine Wever 229 (CB); Joy Pearson 573 (CB); Edith Eddins 137 (CB); Mabel Larson 348t (CB); Owen Smith 449 (CB); Elliot Eddins 31t (CB); Uzziah Smith 572 (CB); Ewan Eddins 336t (CB); Jonathan Wever 497 (CB); Luke Strickland 72 (CB); Gerald Manning 101t (CB); Charlotte Naylor 571 (CB); Nicole Bowman 463 (CB) (by request); Chris Nicholson and Stanley Smith 38t (CB); Dana Eddins 505 (CB); Aaron Martin 146 (CB); Kevin Eddins 398b (CB). Upcoming singings were announced.

Gary Padgett led 189 (CB). Gerald Manning closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Gary Padgett; Secretary—Evie Strickland

THE UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bowden, Georgia

September 7-8, 2024

Saturday, September 7

The 119th session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Jamey Wootten leading 82t. Shane Brown offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jamey Wootten 48t; Blake Sisemore 89; Pam Nunn 110; Shane Brown 49t; Nathan Rees 121; Judy Caudle 336; Reba Windom 186; Samuel Williams 160t; Denney Rogers 143; Jeannette DePoy 111b; Robert Chambless 39b; Bill DuPre and Andrew DuPre 37b; Bert Collins 35; Abigail Cannon 129; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Phillip Langley 475.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Jamey Wootten leading 76b. A business session was held for the election of officers, who then appointed committee members; Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Pam Nunn; Chaplain—Shane Brown; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Abigail Cannon; Memorial Committee—Judy Caudle and Bill DuPre; Finance Committee—Bert Collins and Samuel Williams; Resolutions Committee—Nathan Rees and Jeannette DePoy; Location Committee—Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Karen Rollins, and Matt Hinton.

Leaders: Blake Sisemore 99; Laura Frey 178; Daniel Williams 457; Glenda Collins 290; Matt Hinton 297; Elene Stovall 283; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 425; Kathy Williams 472; Judy Chambless 454; Erica Hinton 139; Nicholas Thompson 204 (in memory of J.L. and Glenda Hopper); Winfred Kerr 36b; Cassie Allen 205.

RECESS

David Ivey led 154 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Sheri Taylor and Jamey Wootten 218; Mamie Sisemore 59; Karen Rollins 171; Rodney Ivey 382; Karen Ivey 203; Cindy Tanner 498; Shane Brown 383; Judy Caudle 386 (for Sam Sommers and Beth Hall); Samuel Williams 399b; Nathan Rees 439; Bert Collins 300; Jamey Wootten 213b; Robert Chambless 34b; Reba Windom 299 (for Chris Shepherd, Betty Shepherd, and Joyce Walton); Jeannette DePoy 280; Bill DuPre, Andrew DuPre, and George Corbin 29t; Abigail Cannon 187; Phillip Langley 302; Laura Frey 358. A prayer was offered by Shane Brown.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Blake Sisemore leading 373. Leaders: Erica Hinton 432; Denney Rogers and Karen Rollins 389; Karen Ivey and Rebecca Myers 108t; Winfred Kerr 225t; Glenda Collins 566; Judy Chambless 318; Sheri Taylor 380; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 470; Cheyenne Ivey 430; Pam Nunn, Blake Sisemore, and David Ivey 556 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Kathy Williams 276; Nicholas Thompson 436 (for David Light); Elene Stovall 215; Matt Hinton and Hastings Phillips 217; Rodney Ivey and Abigail Cannon 328; Cassie Allen 104; Mamie Sisemore 318; Daniel Williams 448t; David Ivey 116; Cindy Tanner and Sharon DuPriest 269.

Blake Sisemore and David Ivey led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was given by Bill DuPre.

Sunday, September 8

The Sunday session of the United Sacred Harp Musical Association singing was called to order by Blake Sisemore leading 31b. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Blake Sisemore 31t; David Ivey 60; Pam Nunn 120; Shane Brown 228; Abigail Cannon 75; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg 83b; Karen Rollins 501; Matt Hinton 503; Samuel Williams 446; Judy Caudle 76t; Nathan Rees 414; Jeannette DePoy 67; Cindy Tanner 512; Bridge Kennedy 32b; Lela Crowder 317; Robert Chambless 569b.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Blake Sisemore leading 101t. Leaders: Prisca Rice 32t; Lauren Bock 155; Mamie Sisemore, Meredith Ivey, and Lucey Karlsberg 45t, 401; Everette Ivey 203; Anna Hinton 455; Terry Wootten 65; Richard Ivey 396; Cecil Roberts 312b; Lisa Bennett 332; Kelsey Ivey 42; Jared Wootten 426t; John Plunkett 79; David Smead 217; Lisa Webb 361.

RECESS

Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg brought the class to order leading 111t. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 216; Kathy Williams 506.

The memorial lesson was then held. Judy Caudle read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: David Light, Betty Shepherd, Chris Shepherd, Ed Thacker,

Margaret Thacker, Darlene Reynolds, Margaret Keeton, Marlin Beasley, Wanda Capps, Judy Henry, Samuel Sommers, Beth Hall, Joyce Walton, Norma Dickerson, and Lucy Heidorn. Judy read the lyrics of "Alexander" (page 393). Judy followed by leading 134.

Bill DuPre led the memorial lesson, pointing out that we all have singing in common. The songs allow us to talk about the deceased and keep them alive in our hearts. Bill read the following list of names of the deceased: Myrlene Redmon, Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery, Richard Mauldin, Geraldine Sharpton, Tommie Spurlock, Pearl Guier, Frank Hill, Jack Ivey, and William Futral—Alabama; Charlotte Ehrman—New York; Esther Mann—Mississippi; Lloyd Caldwell and Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Beverly Thompson and Jean Toole—Georgia; Cora Beasley Jones—Tennessee; Bill Eidson—Texas; Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; Jeff Begley—California. Bill then led 285t, and closed the service with prayer.

Leaders: Karen Ivey 532; Reba Windom 142; Sheri Taylor 528; Judy Chambless 63; Jerusha Wheeler 200; Rodney Ivey 492; Cassie Allen 419. A prayer was offered by Daniel Williams before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Blake Sisemore leading 411. Leaders: Elene Stovall, Judy Caudle, and Nicholas Thompson 189 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); Winfred Kerr 549; Jamey Wootten 284; Laura Frey and Lisa Webb 371; Daniel Williams 162; Cheyenne Ivey and Reba Windom 30b; Blake Sisemore and Pam Nunn 507; David Ivey and Karen Ivey 209; Shane Brown 294; Matt Hinton and Anna Hinton 182; Bill DuPre and Nathan Rees 444; Abigail Cannon 500; Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg and Lauren Bock 234; Karen Rollins, Bridge Kennedy, and Judy Caudle 365; Samuel Williams and Jeannette DePoy 183; Robert Chambless and Judy Chambless 551 (in memory of William Futral); Richard Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, and Meredith Ivey 429; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 431; Elene Stovall and Kathy Williams 273; Jared Wootten, Jamey Wootten, and Terry Wootten 448t; Cheyenne Ivey and Nicholas Thompson 384; Lela Crowder and Cecil Roberts 30t; Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Lisa Webb 269; Daniel Williams and Winfred Kerr 517; Sharon DuPriest and Reba Windom 137; John Plunkett and Prisca Rice 430; Cassie Allen and Rodney Ivey 240; Jerusha Wheeler 277; Cindy Tanner and Shane Brown 546.

The business session was reconvened to hear the reports of the various committees. Pam Nunn gave the secretary and financial reports. The Resolutions Committee, Nathan Rees and Jeannette DePoy, thanked the church for allowing us to use their facility. They also expressed appreciation to all of those who brought food or helped with all the necessary tasks at a convention. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, Karen Rollins, and Matt Hinton, the Location Committee, recommended that the 2025 session of the United Convention be held at the historic DeKalb Courthouse, Decatur, Georgia. All reports and recommendations were accepted by the members. The business session was closed. Announcements were made.

Blake Sisemore led 62 as the closing song. Shane Brown dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Vice Chairman—David Ivey; Secretary—Pam Nunn

ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Texas Christian Church, Clinton Illinois

Saturday, September 14, 2024

The 37th annual Illinois Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Eric Morgan leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by LaMar Schlabach. Jonathon Smith led 47t and made opening remarks. The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: Chairman—Eric Morgan; Vice Chairman—Jonathon

Smith; Secretary—Martha Tyner; Treasurer—Mark Graber. The slate was approved by unanimous vote.

Leaders: Lori Graber 155, 327; Erik Schwab 40, 39t; Alice Bean 276, 34b; Ginny Landgraf 6 (MH), 135 (MH); Lori Rodgers 503, 556; Terry Hogg 523, 535; David Hand 100, 282; Donna Sewell 171, 146; Barbara Lehr 288, 45t; Sarah Lynne Gershon 455, 84.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jonathon Smith leading 52b. Leaders: Janet Morgan 77t, 480; Thomas Koehline 326, 227; Martha Tyner 479, 147t; Andy Earnest 47b, 159; Eric Morgan 82t, 300.

Erik Schwab conducted the memorial lesson, reminding us of the lessons about isolation learned during the pandemic and encouraging us to reach out to those who cannot join us in person. He read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Janet Fraembs, Peggy Brayfield, Karen Frank, Emily Bean, Vicki Woodard, Bill Shaffer, Paul Figura, Shirley Figura, Dave Ressler, Prisca Rice, Dominique Coulet. Erik led 129.

In memory of those now deceased, Erik read the following list of names: Frank Fraembs, Peter Frank—Illinois; Curtis Cook—Indiana; Christian Camlin—Missouri; Mary Krogness—Ohio; Ted Lewis—Minnesota; Dan Brittain, Lloyd Caldwell—Arkansas; Ozella Blackmon—Alabama; Beverly Thompson—Georgia; Mary Ellen Wilkinson—Oklahoma; Dr. Karen Hand—New Mexico; Reed Schilbach—Washington, and led 353. LaMar Schlabach closed the memorial service with prayer. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 440; Lori Graber 2 (MH), 10 (MH); Alice Bean 138 (MH), 180 (MH); Lori Rodgers 270, 99; Ginny Landgraf 433, 351; David Hand 358, 63. LaMar Schlabach offered Grace.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Eric Morgan leading 335. Leaders: Sarah Lynne Gershon 127 (MH), 159 (MH); Erik Schwab 113 (MH), 177 (MH); Terry Hogg 13 (MH), 163b; Donna Sewell 460, 31t; Thomas Koehline 353, 338; Janet Morgan 448t, 76b; Martha Tyner 454, 128; Lamar Schlabach 48t, 68b; Joshua Joy 178, 107.

RECESS

The final session of the day began with Jonathon Smith leading 424. Leaders: Lori Graber 464; Eric Morgan 236; Lori Rodgers 235; Ryan Hill 148; Ginny Landgraf 77 (MH); Sarah Lynne Gershon 547; David Hand 73t; Erik Schwab 317; Jonathon Smith 268; Donna Sewell 73b; Terry Hogg 36b.

Eric Morgan thanked all who contributed to the success of the day, including all in attendance, especially those who travelled significant distances, and in particular the Food Committee (Mark and Lori Graber) and all who brought food, Arranging Committee—Jonathon Smith, Pitching: Erik Schwab and Ginny Landgraf, Chaplain Lamar Schlabach. It was resolved to meet again in one year. The Arranging Committee reported nineteen leaders and eighty-one songs. The Treasurer reported that our expenses were met. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Eric Morgan 532; Thomas Koehline 285t; Joshua Joy 285b; Lamar Schlabach 112.

The class sang 347 as the closing song while taking the parting hand. Lamar Schlabach offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Eric Morgan; Secretary—Martha Tyner

NEW YORK CITY SINGING

Brooklyn, New York

Saturday, September 14, 2024

The New York City All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in September at the Brooklyn Friends Meeting. Emma Rose Brown called the class to order by leading 37b. Patrick DeDauw offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Jasmine Mendoza 30b; Sara Lott 163b; Izzy Ross 49b; Aaron Girard 74b; Becca Rohrer 171; Sam Kleinman 399b; Paul Clazing 49t; Nancy Mandel 313t; Elias Neuman-Donahue 448t; Elsa Phemayotin 435; Douglas Fower 66; Jason Steidl Jack 271b; Lindsay Kruse 68b; Sebastian Beaghen 203; Kevin Beirne 208.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jasmine Mendoza; Vice Chairman—Sara Lott; Treasurer—Lily Chambers; Arranging Committee—Abigail Beshkin and Kobi Bordoley; Secretary—Izzy Ross.

RECESS

Ryan Courtney led 445 to call the class back together. Leaders: Buck Wanner 84; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 460; Marlena Ospina 227; Carol Huang 272; Natalie Leonard 417; Lily Chambers 277; Gwen Gethner 144; Gabriel Wooden 213t; Abigail Beshkin 102; Patrick DeDauw 207; Rob Arbelo 89; Emerald O'Brien 551; Ryan Courtney 143; Daniel Zaloum 475.

RECESS

Jason Steidl Jack led 105 to call the class back together. Leaders: McCabe Teems and Jason Steidl Jack 268; Annefloor Van Landaghen 162; Emilie Meyer and Nancy Mandel 410t.

Gary Ryan conducted the memorial lesson and read the following list of names of the deceased: P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; Suellen Leonard—North Carolina; Grace Chappell—New Jersey; Norman MacAfee, Heather Wood, Chris R., Arlene O'Donnell, Jane McAlevey, Cecilia Gentili, Charlotte Ehrman—New York; Bonnie Merle Lee—Connecticut; Earl Ballinger—Alabama; Conor Kiely—Ireland; Susan Fetcho—California; Daniel Brookman—Maryland; Charlie—Massachusetts. Gary Ryan then led 313b in honor of the deceased, including an extra verse he wrote for the lesson.

Sam Dembling read the following list of those noted to be sick or housebound: James DeCrescenzo, Debbie Hall, and Eydie Collins. Sam Dembling then led 448b in honor of the sick and housebound. Patrick DeDauw offered a prayer.

Leaders: Charles Biada 434; Kobi Bordoley 380; Jessalyn Miller 168; Jocelyn Kurtze 216. Patrick DeDauw offered a prayer before lunch.

RECESS

Izzy Ross led 81t to call the class back together. Leaders: Deidra Montgomery 558; Sophie Sokolov 405; Corinne Ducey 542; Marie Brandis 172; Doron Henkin 426b; David Smead 430; Becky Wright 196; Lisa Bennett 327; Rachel Hall 428; Carson Brunson 159; Hayden Arp 384; Leon Pulsinelle 273; William Schuller 270; Eric Xu 56b; Guy Bankes 549; Stacy Berkheimer 187.

RECESS

Elsa Phemayotin led 335 to call the class back together. Leaders: Meittam Govreen 51; Matt Hinton 217; Paul Chamberlain 528; Alec Collins 318; Anna Hinton 383; John David DeVergiliis 82t; Lucy Grindon 186; Molly Dektar and Homer Baga 410b; Austin Vaughn 48t; Michael Ipsen 466; Sue Peters 72b; Sage Chase-Dempsey 385b; Penny Henzel 86; Allen Duggar 276. Announcements were made.

Jasmine Mendoza, Sara Lott, and Izzy Ross led 146 as the closing song. Patrick DeDauw offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Jasmine Mendoza; Vice Chairperson—Sara Lott; Secretary—Izzy Ross

UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION

The Trinity Centre, Bristol, United Kingdom

September 14-15, 2024

Saturday, September 14

The 27th session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was held at The Trinity Centre, Bristol, United Kingdom, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in September. Kate Kirwan and Samantha Cole called the class to order leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Steve Brett.

Leaders: Steve Brett 82t; Mandy Rose 276; Helen Brown 492; Joe Vickers 166; Clara Potter-Sweet 30b; Barry Parsons 266; Lilith Wozniak 124; Bridgett McVennon-Morgan 27; Ted Brown 81t; Joyce Smith 176b; Sarah West 212; Jeremy Donaldson 168; Al Williams 51; Sonia Nayar 142; Michael Stone 535; Greg Carson and Mariapas Candeiros-Carson 178; Sophie Phipson 159; Margaret Bradshaw 43; Kostas Mavreas 29t; Jill Thompson 504; Ian Lamb 48b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jessica Beer leading 335. Leaders: Rachel Jordan 344; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 72b; Eimear Maguire 217; Iain Paxon 183; Brenda Bowley 101b; Richard Mayers 528; Jo-anne Carlyle 163t; Joe Jones 369; Susanne Rolli 475; Pete Eiseman-Renyard 162; Sophie Lockhart 370; Steve Fletcher 77t; William Cleary 222; Emma Rock 551; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 121; Chal Zon 143; Laurie Burk 163b. Chris Coombs offered grace before the midday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Matthew Parkinson leading 73t. Leaders: Jacoba Bruneel 430; Kerry Cullinan 269; Amanda Parkes 218; Andy Ditzler 270; Allison Steel 542; Caro Stamm-Reusch 500; Matthew Siefert 501; Katie Ahern 532; Carolyn Deacy 208; Chris Affolter 434; Petra Ertl 377; Paul Zaba 272; Sinead Hanrahan 215; Chris Phillips 350; Betsy Jeronen 436; Mike Morrisroe 214; Nadia Bolz-Weber 384; David Brodeur 228; Camilla Marie Widholm 196; Dami Osoba 444; Inga Buckland 437; Thom Fahrback 348b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Samuel Turner leading 100. Leaders: Derek Buckland 122; Eloise Clark 505; Stacy Hackner 53; Marielle Minutella 306; Michael Walker 170; Fiona Byrne 474; Joan Nagy 56b; Marcos Sullivan 480; Aislinn Ahern 454; Melanie Tönnies 200; Mary Jane Wilkie 99; Oskar Kvasnes 101t; Robin Bisson 280; Jacqui Knowles 361; John Beale 365; Ailish McMahan 74t; Anne Altringham 37b; Chris Coombs 314; Erin Johnson-Williams 273; Edwin Macadam 352; Calum Parker 383.

Kate Kirwan led 472 as the closing song. Sophie Phipson offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 15

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Samantha Cole leading 59. Jacoba Bruneel offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Samuel Turner 77t; Steve Brett 56t; Teresa Maguire 67; Grace Scrimgeour 33b; Joe Jones 523; Harry Byford 547; Hannah Land 203; Ian West 182; Tom Sprackland 112; Emily Verrier 319; Rowan Simms 491; Jan Geerts 110; Eimear O'Donovan 68b; Nick Hall 448t; Joe Jones 113; Ella Cumber 222; Lucy Atkinson 209; Arthur Swindells 404; Phil Tyler 69b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Sarah West leading 106. Leaders: Chloë Somers 277; Seth Dickens 236; Emily Bador and Paul Zaba 418; Morgan Kist 339; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Christopher Tedd 300; Marielle Minutella 66; Ed Johnson-Williams 539.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Seth Dickens and Jessica Beer. Seth spoke about the importance of community, and how small acts of kindness and being

remembered can lift the spirits of people who are unwell. The following names were called out for the sick and housebound: Phil Owen, Cath Saunt, Cäcilia Mann, Werner Kist, Cath Tyler, Helen Bushell, Mary Jo Clogg, Louise Bendle, Clive Woolf, David Elliott, Marsha Camp, Dave Earl, Rob Mahoney, Ben Campbell, Emma W., Suzanne Miller, Coronne Bryant, Derek Burgess, Daniel Oldham, Emily Geourghiu, Dominik Fraune, Larry Hanrahan, Virginia Hanrahan, and Ben Walsh. Seth Dickens led 275t.

Jessica Beer spoke on how love and grief are interconnected, and how we can actively support bereaved people in our community. The names of the following deceased were read out: Jean Kay—Manchester; Charles Wordingham—Norfolk; Chris Sugden—Norfolk; Anne Bird—Norfolk; Janet Purdy—Cornwall; Summer York—Bristol; Baby Cumber—Campbell—Bristol; Berta Garrett—Bristol; Colin Crawford—Harwich and Tring; Keith Scott—Topsham; Doreen Carlyle—St Annes-on-Sea; Ram Ramamurthy—London; John White—London; John Foreman—London; Raymi Willka and Saldana Rojas—London; Frank Carson—London; Zareer Masani—London; Gregory Marsh—London; Emily Webster—Cambridge; Phil Cole—Hampshire; Brian Parkinson—Norwich; Derek Paton-Williams—Lymm, Cheshire; Dennis Lanfear—Stubbington; Robert Laycock—Derby; Mike Mussell—Brighton; Judith Snelling—Dorking; Linda Smith—Kent; Carole Baldie—Pulborough; Barbara Nicholson—West Chilington; Deborah Roberts—Brighton; Breda and Brian Morrisroe—Cork, Ireland; Eilish Withers—Cork, Ireland; Jim Thornhill—Cork, Ireland; Eileen McCollum—Crosshaven, Ireland; Caroline Lucy McCann—Dublin, Ireland; Uschi Nolte—Bremen, Germany; Stefan Dutt—Saarbrücken, Germany; Eva Striebeck—Bremen, Germany; Thomas Wunderlin—Reiden, Switzerland; Hugue—Normandy, France; Tim Knights—Glasgow; Peter Polish—Carmarthen, Wales; Greg Levin—Melbourne; Richard Mauldin—Alabama, USA; Earl Ballinger—Alabama, USA; Henry Guthery—Alabama, USA; Melanie Hauff—Illinois, USA; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Chloe Webb—Texas, USA; Elrick Elias—Texas, USA; Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia, USA; Phillip Reeves—Georgia, USA; Jeff Begley—California, USA; Susan Fetcho—California, USA; Dan Burk—California, USA; Ruth Bryant—Maine/Florida, USA; Pat Presnell—Tennessee, USA; Bill Fellingner—Vermont, USA; Heather Wood—New York, USA; Gráinne O’Flynn—New York, USA; Merv—New York, USA. Jessica Beer led 400 and Ted Brown closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Allison Steel 499; Matthew Parkinson 30b. Karen Turner offered grace before the lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Helen Brown leading 445. Leaders: Sam Carter 506; Claire Welford 240; Laurie Burk 347; Nadia Bolz-Weber 313b; Michael Walker 447; Melanie Tönnies 155; Ailish McMahon 500; Eloise Clark 217; Joan Nagy 36b; Marcos Sullivan 149; Carolyn Deacy 142; Matthew Siefert 368; Mary Jane Wilkie 348t; Oskar Kvasnes 151; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam 534; Aislinn Ahern 333; Calum Parker 198; Thom Fahrback and Betsy Jeronen 225t; Karen Turner 189; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 513.

RECESS

The class was called back by Sam Carter leading 421. Leaders: Mick Verrier 312b; Hilary Prosser and Joe Vickers 481; Greg Carson 276; Ben Kulvidit 38b; Dami Osoba 260; Chris Phillips 425; Kerry Cullinan and Mandy Rose 70t; Chris Affolter and Camilla Marie Widholm 328; Petra Ertl and Caro Stamm Reusch 440; Anne Altringham, Margaret Bradshaw, Jan Geert, and Eimear Maguire 546; Katie Ahern, Amanda Parkes, and Sinead Hanrahan 426b; Hannah Land 32t; Derek Buckland and Inga Buckland 379; Allison Steel 345b; Ed Johnson-Williams and Erin Johnson-

Williams 406; Nick Hall and Rachel Jordan 187; Steve Fletcher 148; Barry Parsons 150.

Samantha Cole asked for committee reports and notices from the class. Samuel Turner reported that one hundred and fifty-nine songs were sung over the weekend by one hundred and eighty-eight registered attendees, one hundred and fifteen of whom were leaders. Twelve countries were represented including: England, Ireland, USA, Germany, Scotland, Wales, Japan, Spain, Portugal, Australia, Norway, and The Netherlands. Seven US states were represented including: California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, New York, Oregon, and Vermont. Joe Jones gave the Treasurer's report stating that all expenses had been met.

Samantha Cole and Kate Kirwan thanked everyone involved with the convention and led 521. Steve Brett offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairpersons—Samantha Cole and Kate Kirwan; Secretary—Samuel Turner

B.F. WHITE MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING
Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia
Sunday, September 15, 2024

The B.F. White Memorial Sacred Harp Singing, J.L. White Revision (WB), was held on the third Sunday in September. The class was called to order by John Plunkett who welcomed everyone. He led 31b (WB) to begin and prayer was offered by Oscar McGuire. Leaders: John Plunkett 30t (WB); Russell Hanson 61 (WB), 72b (WB); Shawn Taylor 55t (WB), 55b (WB); Malinda Snow 288 (WB), 348b (WB); Helen Bryson 490b (WB), 227 (WB); Oscar McGuire 171 (WB), 177 (WB); Bill DuPre 82t (WB), 73t (WB); Debora Grosse 72t (WB), 73b (WB); Carol Hanson 47b (WB), 155 (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 484t (WB), 491t (WB).

RECESS

John Plunkett reconvened the class and led 154t (WB), 91b (WB). Leaders: Russell Hanson 511 (WB), 512 (WB); Shawn Taylor 24 (WB) in the back of the book, 111b (WB); Malinda Snow 410 (WB), 31t (WB); Helen Bryson 217 (WB), 498t (WB); Oscar McGuire 293b (WB), 547t (WB); Bill DuPre 393b (WB), 153 (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 276 (WB), 277 (WB); Debora Grosse 519 (WB), 478t (WB); Carol Hanson 544t (WB).

LUNCH

John Plunkett brought the class together and led 491b (WB), 60 (WB). Leaders: Leslie Hanson 299 (WB), 540 (WB); Russell Hanson 316 (WB), 334 (WB); Shawn Taylor 100 (WB), 387 (WB).

The memorial lesson was directed by Sandra Wilkinson, who shared memories of two of the deceased individuals remembered here today, and then reminded us to continue to keep the bereaved families and the sick and shut-ins in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. The names of the sick and shut-ins were Janice Bryson and Tony Sills. The names of the deceased were Martha Ann Stegar—Virginia; Betty Leona Prince Harber and Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia. Russell Hanson led 495 (WB). Malinda Snow closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Malinda Snow 312 (WB), 209 (WB); Helen Bryson 508t (WB), 313 (WB); Oscar McGuire 486t (WB), 483t (WB); Bill DuPre 328 (WB), 29t (WB); Sandra Wilkinson 541 (WB), 433b (WB); Debora Grosse 222 (WB); Russell Hanson 526 (WB).

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 389t (WB). Bill DuPre dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russell Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

THE NORUMBEGA HARMONY

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Saturday, September 21, 2024

The afternoon singing from the *Norumbega Harmony* (NbH) and *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, was held at the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. The class was called to order by Sylvia Martin leading 34b. Leaders: Jim Harper 178; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 47t; Susan Jaster 139; Ron Trial 31b; Stephen Marini 86; Susan Mampre 114; Glen Wright 480; Michal Truelsen 474; Robert Parr 528; Bruce Randall 106; Kerry Cullinan 70t; Erin Fulton 56b; Christopher Kain 467; Liz Patton 70b; George Howe 312b; Joan Frankel and Stephen Marini 172; George Sigut 208 (NbH); Pace Willison 171; Ru Perry-Mize 117; Joseph Shenk 105; Lyra O'Brien 202; Dennis O'Brien 182; Pace Willison and MJ Kenny 475; Ru Perry-Mize and Zane Jones 159; George Howe 36b; Joseph Shenk 146; Sylvia Martin 12 (NbH).

RECESS

Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner led 86 (NbH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Glen Wright 212 (NbH); Kerry Cullinan 116 (NbH); Dennis O'Brien 242 (NbH); Ron Trial 14 (NbH); Bruce Randall 134 (NbH); Jim Harper 112 (NbH); Liz Patton 230 (NbH); Anne Kazlauskas 250 (NbH); Joan Frankel 204 (NbH); George Sigut 188 (NbH); Christopher Kain 195 (NbH); Susan Mampre 28 (NbH); Michal Truelsen 8 (NbH); Stephen Marini 166 (NbH); Erin Fulton 58 (NbH); Sylvia Martin 52 (NbH); Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 34 (NbH); Lyra O'Brien 177 (NbH); Susan Jaster 158 (NbH); Robert Parr 244 (NbH).

RECESS

The third session of singing began with Dennis O'Brien leading 162. Leaders: Joseph Shenk 81t; Bruce Randall 214 (NbH); Ron Trial 174 (NbH); Kerry Cullinan 65 (NbH); Glen Wright 224 (NbH); Jim Harper 189; Nancy Reid 258 (NbH); Liz Patton 500; Anne Kazlauskas 201; Joan Frankel and Bruce Randall 168; George Sigut 122; Christopher Kain 282; Susan Mampre 238 (NbH); Michal Truelsen 217; Stephen Marini 228; Ru Perry-Mize and Ron Trial 50 (NbH). Announcements were made.

Sylvia Martin led 515 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sylvia Martin; Secretary—Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner

ALABAMA STATE CHRISTIAN HARMONY CONVENTION

Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama

September 21-22, 2024

Saturday, September 21

The annual meeting of the Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September. Ken Tate brought the class to order by leading 67b. The opening prayer was offered by Jeff James.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Cindy Tanner; Chaplain—Jeff James; Arranging—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Ken Tate 498; Danny Creel 336t, 187, 63t; Shannon Primm 128t, 9; Jeff James 250t, 268, 138; Nicholas Thompson 326, 110, 281t, 281b; Cindy Tanner 258, 264, 230b; Jane Cannon 510b, 57, 43.

RECESS

Cassie Allen led 210b, 288, and 318. Leaders: Callum Wood 146t, 155, 190; Brenda Chafin 70b, 332, 355; Tim Gregg 255, 170, 68; Michael Spencer 397b, 410b, 495.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ken Tate leading 462t. Leaders: Ann Jett 51, 149, 180 (in memory of Earnie Jett); Danny Creel 203; Shannon Primm 509b, 192; Jeff

James 168b, 372; Nicholas Thompson 316; Cindy Tanner 19; Jane Cannon 455b; Cassie Allen 548; Callum Wood 546b (by request), 235; Brenda Chafin 248; Tim Gregg 162; Michael Spencer 401b; Ann Jett 338b.

Ken Tate led 77 as the closing song. Jeff James dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, September 22

The Sunday session of the Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention began with Ken Tate leading 31t. Jeff James offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Ken Tate 107; Danny Creel 364, 186, 82b; Jeff James 477, 322, 307; Cindy Tanner 131, 234, 342; Chris Nicholson 67b, 546b, 130b; Katlin Bailey 67t, 281b, 193.

RECESS

Ken Tate brought the class back together by leading 121t. Leaders: Stefani Priskos 262, 492b, 362; Henry McGuire 84, 168b, 543; Michael Spencer 409b, 163b, 493t; Shannon Primm 15; Wanda Capps and Cassie Allen 264; Jane Cannon 1, 8, 38; Nicholas Thompson 10 (in memory of Elsie Moon), 93, 16; Beth Branscome 474, 412b, 36t; Tim Gregg 154, 196, 112.

LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Ken Tate leading 432t. Leaders: Cassie Allen 41t, 81b, 54, 63b; Ann Jett 255, 109, 59b, 238 (in memory of Harrison Creel); Danny Creel 354; Chris Nicholson 76b; Tim Gregg 125b, 53; Michael Spencer 310t; Henry McGuire 64; Jane Cannon 13; Katlin Bailey 207t; Nicholas Thompson 80, 117 (in memory of Earnie Jett); Stefani Priskos 316; Beth Branscome 70t; Shannon Primm 250t; Cindy Tanner 85, 308; Ann Jett 326; Jane Cannon 276; Jeff James 170. Jeff James offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

St Paul and Shakopee, Minnesota

September 21–22, 2024

Saturday, September 21

The 34th annual Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Olivet Church in St Paul, Minnesota, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Val Stoehr, Denise Kania, and Angie Payne leading 34b.

Leaders: Kit Canright 171; Mike Mullin 391; Stacey Berkheimer and Shana Wenger 87; Suzanne McFate 29t; Eleanor Haase 455; Tamara Shewmaker 568; Gwen Gethner 101t; Devin Scherck 48t; Midge Olsen 198; Michael Moore 189; Kat Kohorst 372; Elea Regembal 272; Jim Goetz 159.

RECESS

Paul Wyatt led 313t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Alissa Eiesland 106; Faiz Wareh 447; CJ McFate 277; Steve Florman 128; Stephen Parker 547; Bob Schinske 328; Carol Buche and Karen Clark 178 (in memory of their father); Esther Morgan-Ellis 313b; Ben Copenhaver 271b; Charles Biada 132; Paul Landskroener 390; Luke Maas 276; Christine Stevens 542; Hans Guttman 37b; Angie Payne 344; Cathy Jordan 228; Cathy Lutz 39t.

RECESS

Dick Patterson led 84 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Orion Overstreet 284; Ray Cott-Meissel 99; Karen Clark 234; Jacob Kiakahi 319; Steven T Schmidgall 473; Meg & Jim Parsons 440; Sofia Schinske 392. Business session was deferred to Sunday, October 13, 2024.

LUNCH

Hannah Lutz led 49t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 528; Claudia Egelhoff 485; Myles Alexander 538; John Wiens 361; Peter Schinske 475; AnnaLeigh Kiakahi 436; Evelyn Lamb 536; Matt Wells 183; Carol Crawford 433;

Jim Solheim and Jenny Solheim 543; Martha Henderson 374; Jenni Wallace 318; Steven Levine 350; Corinne Serfass 214; Barb Patterson 480; Paul Wyatt 476; Anna Pfau Clark 362; Michael Shewmaker 40; Cathy Lutz 282; Haley Walsh 91; Alec Jenkins-White 274t; Steve Luttinen 458.

RECESS

Shana Wenger and Peter Frenz led 270 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Stacey Berkheimer 227; Devin Scherck 348b; Jenny Solheim 377; Faiz Wareh 89; Mike Mullin 269; Denise Kania 500; Stephen Parker 32t; Kit Canright 472; Shana Wenger 52t; Steve Florman 164; Alissa Eiesland 312b; Esther Morgan-Ellis 113; Elea Regembal 351; Gwen Gethner 133; Bob Schinske 546; Hannah Lutz 168. Val Stoehr, Denise Kania, and Angie Payne led 347 as the closing song.

Sunday, September 22

The Sunday session of the Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at the Landing in Shakopee, Minnesota. The class was called to order by Val Stoehr, Denise Kania, and Angie Payne leading 36b.

Leaders: Paul Wyatt 477; Steve Luttinen 82t; Val Stoehr 47t; Orion Overstreet 168; Kit Canright 47b; Karen Clark 534; Jim Pfau 112; Evelyn Lamb 266; Sofia Schinske 569b; Gordon Olsen 86; Noelle Copeland 506; Rowan Marye 268; John & Lora Schley 569t; Stacey Berkheimer 150.

RECESS

AnnaLeigh Kiakahi led 30t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Steven Levine 532; Lisa Grayson 192; Jim Solheim 444; Martha Henderson 396; Myles Alexander 53; Michael Moore 96; Jacob Kiakahi 72b; Mike Mullin 151; Denise Kania 208; Haley Walsh 148; Michael Shewmaker 155; Ben Copenhaver 572; Carol Crawford 250; Ray Cott-Meissel 45t; Paul Landskroener 212; C J McFate 224; Jenny Solheim 163t; Shana Wenger 378b; Hans Guttman 299.

RECESS

Ben Copenhaver, Stephanie Copenhaver, and Eli Copenhaver led 95 to bring the class back together. Lisa Grayson conducted the memorial lesson and led 176t. The following list of names of the deceased was recorded: John Buche, Harlan Stoehr, and Keith Peterson—Minnesota; Phillip Reeves—Georgia; Tom Tucker and Ken Porter—Pennsylvania; Lori Crawford, Joyce Luttinen, Clarence P. Cameron, and Robert Lochhart—Wisconsin; Dan L. Burk, Susan Fetcho, and Jeff Begley—California; Carry Mallaley—Quebec; Ruth Anne Bryant—Maine/Florida; Alfred Sausotte and John Van Duzer—Colorado; Reed Schilbach and Bruce Rowland—Washington; Chloe Webb—Texas; Frank Fraembs—Illinois; Dan Brittain and Lloyd Caldwell—Arkansas; Tommie Spurlock—Alabama; Robert Diller—Arizona/Iowa; Leona Mae Penn—Oklahoma; Greg Smith and Betsy Kamphuis—Michigan; Manfred Jaenig—Iowa.

The class remembered the following sick and shut-ins: Tom Dillon, Fred Dulles, Ollie, Corrone Bryant, Ginny Ely, Mark Weins, Cecilia Kramer, Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Mary Owen, Karen Swenson, Johanna Fabke, Mary Rose O'Reilly, Jeff Bell, and Gary Gronau.

Leaders: Midge Olsen 218; Charles Biada 397; Carol Buche 504; Eleanor Haase 142; Barb Patterson 564.

LUNCH

Hannah Lutz led 479 to bring the class back together. Leaders: John Wiens 438; Tamara Shewmaker 424; Anna Pfau Clark 196; Elea Regembal 442; Claudia Egelhoff 501; Peter Schinske 318; Suzanne McFate 430; Corinne Serfass 101b; Angie Payne 76b; Elise DelMas 216; Christine Stevens 436; Esther Morgan-Ellis 240; Gwen Gethner 517; Steven T Schmidgall 496; Bob Schinske 454; Dick Patterson 77t; Jim Crawford 365; AnnaLeigh Kiakahi 556; Cathy Jordan 163b.

RECESS

Paul Landskroener led 29t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Alec Jenkins-White 84; Sam Tiratto 162; Matt Wells 472; Cathy Lutz 368; Doug Donley 198; Rowan Marye 236; Lisa Grayson 278b; Charles Biada 373; Elise DelMas 145t; Evelyn Lamb 131b; Noelle Copeland 507; Carol Crawford 70t; Karen Clark 167; John Schley 503; Paul Wyatt 464; Orion Overstreet 448b; Sofia Schinske 485; Hannah Lutz 209. Announcements were made. Val Stoehr, Denise Kania, and Angie Payne led 146 as the closing song.
Secretary—Claudia Egelhoff

POPLAR SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
North of Bowdon, Carroll County, Georgia
Sunday, September 22, 2024

The 7th annual Sacred Harp singing at Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church, north of Bowdon, Carroll County, Georgia, was held on the fourth Sunday in September. Daniel Williams called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 70t and 32t. Daniel welcomed everyone, and then Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Samuel Williams 330b, 30t; Glenda Collins 100, 101t; Cooper Sandefur 27, 168; Sheri Taylor 37b, 448t; Bert Collins 35, 300; Bill DuPre 31t, 29t; Laura Fry 163b; Rodney Ivy 345b, 105, 45t; Karen Rollins 46, 49t.

RECESS

Daniel Williams called the class back to order leading 288. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 36b, 59; Barbara Brooks 58, 101b; Cecil Roberts 229, 285t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Glenda Collins. The deceased remembered were Beverly Thompson—Georgia; Tommie Spurlock and Henry Guthery—Alabama. Glenda led 119 in their memory.

The sick and shut-ins honored were Jesse Roberts, Henry Johnson, and Montana. Glenda led 345t for them. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial with prayer.

A business session was held, and the following officers were appointed or elected to serve: Chairman—Daniel Williams; Vice Chairman—Samuel Williams; Secretary—Glenda Collins. Oscar McGuire led 171 and 441. Prayer before the noon meal was offered by Landon Hendrix.

LUNCH

Samuel Williams brought the class back to order leading 201.

Leaders: Barbara Brooks 303; Cooper Sandefur 82b; Sheri Taylor 347; Bert Collins 542; Karen Rollins 153; Bill DuPre 225t; Laura Fry 503; Rodney Ivy 425; Oscar McGuire 530; Winfred Kerr 549; Glenda Collins and Barbara Brooks 294.

Announcements were made.

Daniel Williams and Samuel Williams led 138b as the closing song. Daniel Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Daniel Williams; Vice Chairman—Samuel Williams; Secretary—Glenda Collins

WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION
Double Springs, Alabama
Sunday, September 22, 2024

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Springs, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 59; Butch White 287, 86; Roma Rice 323b, 225t; Faye Donaldson 78, 47t; David Godsey 77t, 282; Hazel Heinze 207, 569b; Nancy Phillips 276, 87; Louise Yeager 112, 426b.

RECESS

Butch White brought the class back to order by leading 31t. Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 234, 556; Mike Hankins 270, 527; Laurie Keeton 128, 45t; Betty Baccus 432 (for Margaret Keeton), 378t (in memory of Steve Adams); Beth Wallace 200, 361; Zena Tucker 63, 30t; Larry Ballinger 513, 157.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 89. Leaders: Loretta Whitman 176b, 406; Bridge Hill Kennedy 37b, 445; Roma Rice 412 (for Sara Berry), 388; Lisa Geist 394, 228, 472; Hazel Heinze 438; Nancy Phillips 196; Laurie Keeton 354b; Beth Wallace 365; Zena Tucker 127; Larry Ballinger 551 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Loretta Whitman 75; Bridge Hill Kennedy 277.

Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Bridge Hill Kennedy, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Roma Rice

NUREMBERG SACRED HARP Jakobskirche, Nuremberg, Germany Saturday, September 28, 2024

The 1st All-Day Nuremberg Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the last Sunday in September at Jakobskirche in Nuremberg, Germany. The class was called to order by Joel Igli leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Thomas Zeitler. Leaders: Derek Buckland 401; Sebastian Borckenhagen 56b; Gerben Vos 42; Cooper Thompson 49t; Edward Ricemeyer 39t; Kostas Mavreas 29t; Juniper Hill 455; Laura Eisen 173; Lizzy Van Blerkom 562; Inga Buckland 76b; Peter Kocher 84; Elisabeth Schallwig 63; Sebastian May 442; Caitlin Jay 105; Richard Ogden 448b; Naomi Kaye Honova 445.

RECESS

Lizzy Van Blerkom called the class to order leading 330t. Leaders: Joel Igli 49b; Edward Ricemeyer 48t; Sebastian May 48b; Gerben Vos 214; Cooper Thompson 146; Derek Buckland 323b; Sebastian Borckenhagen 282; Kostas Mavreas 168; Laura Eisen 128; Lizzy Van Blerkom 320; Inga Buckland 457; Peter Kocher 183; Susanne Hausner 117; Magdalena Osthaus 388; Juniper Hill 254; Caitlin Jay 165; Richard Ogden 122; Naomi Kaye Honova 480; Machna Nowak 276. Thomas Zeitler offered a prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Juniper Hill called the class to order leading 503. Leaders: Lizzy Van Blerkom 502; Inga Buckland 450; Peter Kocher 99; Elisabeth Schallwig 411; Magdalena Osthaus 432; Gerben Vos 245; Sebastian May 377; Laura Eisen 87; Richard Ogden 448t; Caitlin Jay 274t; Lucie Reissert 440; Noah Feeman 24b; Machna Nowak 504; Kostas Mavreas 368; Cooper Thompson 159; Edward Ricemeyer 209; Sebastian Borckenhagen 335; Derek Buckland 121; Juniper Hill 547; Joel Igli and Cooper Thompson 178.

RECESS

Peter Kocher called the class to order leading 133. Leaders: Elisabeth Schallwig 348t; Inga Buckland 540; Juniper Hill 269; Lucie Reissert 444; Caitlin Jay 472; Noah Feeman 120; Machna Nowak 300; Cooper Thompson 299; Sebastian Borckenhagen 114; Kostas Mavreas 535; Edward Ricemeyer 272; Derek Buckland 426t; Joel Igli 236; Laura Eisen 111b; Lizzy Van Blerkom 210; Erich Neumann 163b; Sebastian May 47b; Gerben Vos 191.

Joel Igli thanked all who helped to make the singing a success. Lizzy Van Blerkom gave the Secretary's report, stating that thirty-four singers traveling from four countries (including Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Austria) sang seventy-eight songs led by twenty-three leaders. Doreen Blechschmidt gave the Treasurer's report, stating that all expenses were met. Announcements were made. Joel Igli led 347 as the closing song. Thomas Zeitler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Joel Igli; Treasurer—Doreen Blechschmidt; Secretary—Lizzy Van Blerkom

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SINGING

Harleysville, Pennsylvania

Saturday, September 28, 2024

The 41st annual Young People's Sacred Harp Association Singing took place on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in September at the Nyce Barn at the Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, Pennsylvania. All song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

The class was called to order by Esther Wade leading 144. The opening prayer was offered by Hayden Arp. A business meeting followed to elect the following officers: Co-chairman—Chelsea Feltman, Sophie Sokolov; Treasurer—Tim Leonard; Secretary—Korey Guerrieri; Chaplain—Hayden Arp. Katie Browne and Matthew Kaufmann were appointed to serve as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Sophie Sokolov 283; Chelsea Feltman 276; Korey Guerrieri 37b; Tim Leonard 86; Katie Brown 277; Matthew Kaufmann 406; Kyle Johnston 121; Hollie Long 168; Anna Melton 224; Pete Sandeen 47b; Wyn Batson 436; Madeleine Smith 290; Erika Wilson 123b; Patti Davis 87; Ben Fink 53.

RECESS

Vale Cofer-Shabica brought the class to order by leading 42. Leaders: Doug Kurtze 344; Ted Stokes 404; Doe Lowinger 117; Sam Kleinman 187; Carl Baron 315; Lindsay Kruse 335; Leon Pulsinelle and Doron Henkin 321; Rachel Hall 423; Jason Jack 350; Laura Densmore 456; Rob Arbelo 377; Elsa Pheymayotin 426t; Ellie Knickman 318; Jasmine Mendoza 186; Ruth Wampler Hissons and Dennis Hissons 279; Lily Chambers 209; Kevin Slaughter 268.

RECESS

Alex Forsyth brought the class back to order by leading 111t. Leaders: Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 543; Becky Wright 542; Sue Peters 63; Guy Bankes 351; Elias Neuman-Donihue 505; Diedra Montgomery 548; Tim Leonard 410t; Lindsey Falbo 122; Hal Kunkel 298; Leah Velleman 230; Marlana Ospina 162; Marie Brandis 203; Sara Lott 430; Daniel Zaloum 206. Hayden Arp offered grace before the meal.

LUNCH

Sara Lott brought the class to order by leading 399b. Leaders: Corinne Ducey 215; Steve Luttinen 440; Esther Wade 384; Michael Hagerty 217; Blake Sisemore 411; Em Ekelund 474; Tim Culbertson 522; Alissa Eisland 270; Roger Kurtz 354b; Stefani Priskos 196; Lindy Groening 454; Harry Bernholz 288; Abbie Sorg 299; Paul Landskroener 390; Rachel Geary 216; Susan Loucks 29t; Nathan Berry 417; Abigail Cannon 500; Sebastian Beaghen 159.

RECESS

Philippe Doyle-Gosselin brought the class to order by leading 73t. Leaders: Kate Bergren 183; David Schmitt 148; Sunny Doyle 278t; Anuhea Sebstad 448t; Bridget Jamison 111b; Julia Zaffarano 442; Rowan Lupton 312b; Kristofer Ilex 278b; Barbara Swetman 191; Peter Irvine 460; Stephanie Fida 419; Lorelei Erises and Sam Kleinman 72b; Stuart Jackson 375; Michaela Natal 565; Laura Hodges 131b; Erin Fulton 275b; Corinne Serfass 67; Mike Richards 200.

Sophie Sokolov led 76b as the closing song, and Hayden Arp ended the day's singing with prayer.

Co-chairpersons—Chelsea Feltman and Sophie Sokolov; Secretary—Korey Guerrieri

UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Alpharetta City Hall, Alpharetta, Georgia

September 28-29, 2024

Saturday, September 28

The 154th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by David Smead leading 52b. Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer.

Lauren Bock directed the introductory lesson. To recognize the upcoming new revision of the Sacred Harp, she led songs that were each added during a different previous revision, and which each demonstrated a different mode of time. Lauren Bock led 569t, 470, 294, 73b, 271t, 376, 360, and 250. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 121, 191; John Plunkett 471, 516; Faye Holbrook 358 (in memory of Ruth Wills), 111b; Bill Dupre 300, 349; Caroline Barron 345t; Chris Tweedy 156; Bert Collins 399b, 399t.

RECESS

David Smead called the class to order leading 108b. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 327, 336; Shawn Taylor 406 (for Jim Neal), 81t.

A business session was held and the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Lauren Bock; Vice Chairman—Shawn Taylor; Secretary/Treasurer—Lisa Bennett; Arranging Committee—John Plunkett and Lisa Bennett; Chaplain—Faye Holbrook; Memorial Committee—Judy Mincey; Finance Committee—Lisa Bennett; Resolutions Committee—David Smead.

Leaders: Lauren Bock 76t; Cooper Sandefur 163t, 168; Jane Cannon 409, 367; Eric Tweedy 200, 442; Jesse Roberts and Brittany Caldwell 47t, 481; Judy Mincey 279, 465.

LUNCH

Lauren Bock called the class to order leading 37b in memory of Malik Williams.

Leaders: Glenda Collins 76b, 77t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 402, 558; Esther Morgan-Ellis 176t, 122; Nathan Rees 309, 449; Faye Holbrook 380; David Smead 260; Bill Dupre 178; Jesse Roberts 263; Judy Mincey 504; Oscar McGuire 344; Sasha Hsuczyk 39b, 61, 340; Caroline Barron 388, 398; Burt Collins 542; Shawn Taylor 216; Cooper Sandefur 539; Lisa Bennett 320; Jane Cannon 527; Jesse P. Karlsberg 158; Esther Morgan-Ellis 208. Announcements were made.

Lauren Bock led 209 as the closing song. Faye Holbrook offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, September 29

Lauren Bock called the class to order leading 90. Faye Holbrook offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Lauren Bock 48t; Shawn Taylor 56t, 32t; Lisa Bennett 126, 154; John Plunkett 136, 195; Faye Holbrook 392, 67; Helen Bryson 139, 522; James Burrell 365, 303; Jeanette DePoy 276 (for Bridge Kennedy in memory of Malik Williams), 274t (in memory of Cathy White); David Smead 114, 283 (in memory of Rebecca Over); Jane Cannon 336, 32b (for Western North Carolina after Hurricane Helene); Jim Neal 105, 122; Phillip Langley 399b (in memory of Mack Langley), 453.

RECESS

Shawn Taylor called the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: Judy Mincey 511, 351; Oscar McGuire 350, 66; Helen Bryson 313b (for her mother's birthday), 411; Jim Neal 270, 496.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Mincey. She spoke about isolation and reminded us to contact our friends who are sick and shut-in. The sick and shut-ins list included Don Bowen. Judy Mincey led 50b for the sick and shut-ins. Judy spoke about how we remember the deceased for one year on the memorial list, but we continue to remember after that by telling stories about those who have gone on. The list of the deceased included Malik Williams, Beverly Thompson, Tommie Spurlock, Jean Toole, Dan Brittain, Earl Ballinger, Jeff Begley, Susan Fetcho, and Martha Ann Stegar. Judy Mincey led 176t for the deceased. Jim Neal closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

LUNCH

Lauren Bock brought the class back to order leading 296. Leaders: Lauren Bock 430; Shawn Taylor 131b, 492; Lisa Bennett 245 (in memory of Dan Brittain); John Plunkett 354t, 160b; Faye Holbrook 455, 549; Jeannette DePoy 112 (for Dollie Hudgins), 410t; David Smead 177, 439 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); James Burrell 284, 39t; Jane Cannon 546, 475; Judy Mincey 242 (for Shelbie Sheppard); Oscar McGuire 163b, 515.

The convention entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. The class voted to hold the 155th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention at Sweetwater Chapel in Lawrenceville, Georgia, on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in June. Lisa Bennett gave the Financial Report, and reported that expenses were met. The Resolutions Report was presented by David Smead, who thanked everyone who helped in any way to make the convention possible. The reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

After announcements, Lauren Bock and Shawn Taylor led 347 as the closing song. Faye Holbrook offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lauren Bock; Vice Chairperson—Shawn Taylor; Secretary/
Treasurer—Lisa Bennett

CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING

Harleysville, Pennsylvania

Sunday, September 29, 2024

A special singing was held on the fifth Sunday in September in conjunction with the 2024 Young People's Singing at the Mennonite Heritage Center. All song selections were from the *Christian Harmony* (CH).

The morning began with a prayer offered by Hayden Arp. Leaders: Chelsea Feltman 185b; Sophie Sokolov 121; Korey Guerrieri 142; Tim Leonard 164b; Erika Wilson 107; Laura Densmore 111b; Hayden Arp 110; Pete Sandeen 419b; Sebastian Beaghen 419t; Patti Davis 168b; Guy Bankes 50; Doe Lowinger 111t; Rachel Hall 128t; Bridget Jamison 226t.

RECESS

Kass Urban-Mead brought the class to order by leading 61t. Leaders: Lindsay Kruse 144t; Kyle Johnston 439; Doron Henkin 184; Miriam Delirium and Em Ekelund 548; Elsa Pheymayotin 372; Nancy Tkacs 70b; Anna Melton 91; Gina Balestracci 133; Ben Fink 172; Vale Cofer-Shabica 205; Rosie Sokolov 67t; Rachel Farber 326; Linsey Falbo and Nathan Berry 262; Roland Hutchinson 374; Jason Jack 60; Wyn Batson 253.

RECESS

Gina Balestracci brought the class to order by leading 490. Leaders: Michaela Natal 131; Peter Irvine 380; Kevin Beirne 138; Stefani Priskos 316; Marie Brandis 180.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Erin Fulton, who spoke on behalf of the sick or homebound and read the following names of those who could not be in attendance: Holly Ruthberg, Bradford West, Jeff Bell, Mary Rose O'Reilly, Dan Pheymayotin, Mike Garrett, Kathy Garrett, Tom Dillon, Melissa Howrey Fulton,

Tom Waggener, Julie Adams, Greg Smith, Debbie Hall, Jame DeCrescenzo, and Suzy Wellfley.

Erin then spoke on behalf of the deceased and led 458 in memory of P. Dan Brittain, Tom Tucker, Grace Chappell, Joyce Luttinen, Norman MacAfee, Alex Irvine, Alfred Sausotte, John Van Duzer, Clifford Maxwell, Ann Schluter, Joe Monahan, Ellen Tepper, Ethel Henderson, Majid Mohajerjasbi, Malik Williams, Beverly Rollins Thompson, Matt Wilks, Ricky Cofer, Mary Mcillwraith, Charlotte Ehrman, Jeff Begley, Conor Kilty, Hilde Doherty, Morgan Jennings, and Rose Costa. Erin led the class in prayer after reading the names of the deceased.

Leaders: Corinne Ducey 85; Rowan Lupton 191. Hayden Arp offered a prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Ted Stokes brought the class to order by leading 336. Leaders: Jasmine Mendoza 276; Sue Peters 67b; Sam Kleinman 64; Alissa Eiesland and Steve Luttinen 206; Laura Hodges 455b; Keillor Mose 318; Julia Zaffarano 13; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 269b; Stephanie Fida 19; Carol Huang 74; Becky Wright 362; Mike Richards 223; Nancy Mandel 208b; Stuart Jackson 164b; Rosie Sokolov 23b; David Schmitt 546t; Rachel Farber 364; Lindy Groening 204t; Kristofer Ilex 63t; Corinne Serfass 268; Paul Landskroener 460t; Hal Kunkel 281b; Barbara Swetman 117; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 26b. Announcements were made.

Committee reports were given. The Secretary reported that one hundred thirty-eight registered singers from nineteen U.S. states (AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, MA, MD, MN, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT, WA, and WV) and two Canadian provinces (ON, QC) had been in attendance. On Saturday, eighty-six leaders led eighty-eight songs out of *The Sacred Harp*, and on Sunday, sixty-three leaders led sixty-six songs from the *Christian Harmony*.

Chelsea Feltman and Sophie Sokolov led 432b as the closing song. Hayden Arp offered the closing prayer.

Co-chairpersons—Chelsea Feltman and Sophie Sokolov; Secretary—Korey Guerrieri

JOHN AND LORAIN BAYER MEMORIAL SINGING **Bear Creek Meeting House, New Lebanon, Ohio** **Sunday, September 29, 2024**

The 6th annual John and Loraine Bayer Memorial Singing was held at Bear Creek Old German Baptist Brethren Meeting House. Songs were sung from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, as well as a book of John Bayer's compositions, *The Dayton Harmonist*, noted as DH. Ray Rechenberg called the class to order leading 34b, welcomed all in attendance, and thanked the hosting congregation. The morning prayer was offered by Jim Herr.

Leaders: Hans Bayer 207; Jubal Bayer 300; Thomas Koehline 122; Keith Seidel 102; Tim Morton 5 (DH); Barbara Lehr 47b; David Casenhiser 99; Shawn Fenton 192; Liz Hayes 209; Donna Bing 49b; Kathy Manning 302; Liam Allgood 277; Sarah Lynne Gershon 112; Reuben Beery 547; Sally Beery 117; Sheila Patterson 324; Lemuel Duncan 168; Thomas G. Smith 198.

RECESS

Keith Yutzky called the class to order leading 142. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 175; Bertha Buttner 148; Greg Creech 33b; Claudia Baldwin 82t; Rich Overturf 373; Levi Duncan 178; Shannon Tibbs 56b; Tim Gregg 53; Clara Herr 503; Dirk Yount 21t (DH).

David Casenhiser led the class with a memorial lesson for the deceased remembering Steve Duff—Ohio; Peter Frank—Illinois; Curtis Cook—Indiana; Earl Ballinger—Alabama; Jeff Begley—California; and Reed Schilbach—Washington. He led 421.

Adrian Eldridge followed in a memorial lesson remembering the sick and shut-ins which were Ed Walton, Dominique Coulet, John and Karen Frank, Janile Harrel, Sara Loud, and Kelsey Taylor. He led 105, and closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Ray Rechenberg dismissed the class for lunch leading “Table Hymn” by John Bayer.

LUNCH

Jim Herr called the class back to order leading 27. Leaders: Tom Morton 313b; Rob Tibbs 49t; Roger Crabtree 448t; Kathy Manning 98; Connor A. 48t; Keith Seidel 495; Clara Herr 564; Shannon Tibbs 42; Thomsa Koehline 436; Tim Morton 181; Barbara Lehr 268; David Casenhiser 385b; Shawn Fenton 480; Sally Beery 29t; Liz Hayes 496; Donna Bing 569b; Hans Bayer 236; Sarah Lynne Gershon 13 (DH); Jubal Bayer 344; Liam Allgood 106.

RECESS

The Chairman called the class back to order leading 40. Leaders: Thomas Smith 7 (DH); Keith Yutzy 481; Susan Zurcher 535; Ray Rechenberg 71; Adrian Eldridge 502; Bertha Buttner 29 (DH); Greg Creech 74b; Claudia Baldwin 14 (DH); Levi Duncan 86; Lemuel Duncan 384; Jim Herr 546. Following announcements, Ray Rechenberg thanked all who attended and helped, the hosting congregation, the kitchen crew, and especially Mrs. Marie Huffman.

The class sang 347 while taking the parting hand. Greg Creech offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretary—Bertha Buttner

LACY MEMORIAL **Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama** **Sunday, September 29, 2024**

The annual Lacy Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held in Ider, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday following the fourth of July. The class was called to order by Reba Windom leading 59. Tom Owen offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Garrett Morton and Shelby Castillo 101t; Elene Stovall 99; Nicholas Thompson 196 (for Betty Shepherd and Chris Shepherd); Marty Wootten 56t; Aaron Wootten 503 (in memory of Mel Kersey); Samuel Williams 569t; Loyd Ivey 318; Daryl Chesney 454; Robert Chambless 30b; Winfred Kerr 36b; Karen Rollins 136; Daniel Williams 530; Daniel Lee 489; David Carlton 131t; Deborah Taube 209; Shane Wootten 42 (in memory of Bud Oliver); Linda Sides 102; Dennis George 43; Emily Stutzman 333.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Reba Windom leading 155. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 440; Blake Sisemore 37b (in memory of Malik Williams); Lily Underwood 348b; Scott Ivey 369 (for Joyce Walton); Erica Hinton 187 (for her niece and others in Ashville, NC); Jamey Wootten 48b; Jim Brown 159; Sasha Hsuczyk 340 (in memory of Lydia Lewallen); Bill DuPre 129; Lela Crowder 82t; Stephen Miller 448t; Lori Rodgers 379 (in memory of her father); Tom Owen 491; Anna Hinton 430; Nathan Rees 302; Abigail Cannon 328; Tom George 506; Sharon DuPriest and Reba Windom 542; Chris Ballinger 76b; Judy Caudle 215 (for Bridge); Linda Thomas 217; David Ivey 144 (in memory of Leonard Lacy); Judy Chambless 222; Matt Hinton 151; Susan Lee 300 (memory of Gravis Ballinger); Tony Ivey 160b; Lacy family 114, 45t.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Reba Windom, Shelby Castillo, and Garrett Morton leading 186. Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 268, 432; Beth Wallace 442; Jackie Tanner 172; Lisa Geist 377; Barrett Patton 384 (for Joyce Walton and in memory of Coy Ivey); Rebekah Gilmore 383; Larry Ballinger 428;

Pam Nunn, Reba Windom, Garrett Morton, and Shelby Castillo 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Sarah George, Abby Chaney, and Claire Durham 389; Charles Stiefel 378b; Deb Morton and Angie Collier 299, 46 (in memory of Nora Lacy); Edward Tanner and Jackie Tanner 73t; Tom Owen 434; Bill DuPre 225t; Anna Hinton 419; Sasha Hsuczyk 33b; Chris Ballinger 84; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 228; Lisa Geist 528; Emily Stutzman 178; David Carlton 198; Beth Wallace 546; Lori Rodgers 472; Nathan Rees and Cheyenne Ivey 182; Tom George, Sarah George, and James George 354b; Blake Sisemore and Abigail Cannon 283; Sharon DuPriest 208; Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle 200 (for David Light); Barrett Patton 436; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 456; Garrett Morton and Loyd Ivey 511b (CB). Reba Windom, Garrett Morton, and Shelby Castillo led 146 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Bill DuPre dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Reba Windom; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION
High Lane Club, North Haven, Connecticut
October 4-6, 2024

Friday, October 4

A singing school was held at Spring Glen United Church of Christ in Hamden, Connecticut. Marie Brandis called the class to order leading 49b. Nathan Rees spoke on the musical styles contained in this tradition and led the following examples with the aid of volunteers: 338, 40, 29b, 566, 37b, 431, 546, 480, and 348t.

Saturday, October 5

The 46th session of the New England Convention was held at the High Lane Club in North Haven, Connecticut. Marie Brandis called the class to order leading 448b. Michaela Natal offered the opening prayer.

In a business session, and with unanimous consent, the following chairs and committees were appointed: Arranging—Charles Biada; Chaplain—Michaela Natal; Memorial Committee—Sage Chase-Dempsey and Keillor Mose; Food chair—Marlene González; Treasurer—Michael Natal.

Leaders: Marie Brandis 150; Charles Biada 107; Gwen Gethner 52t; Jeremy Picker 270; Michaela Natal 32t; Jocelyn Kurtze 72b; Rachel Farber 56t; Michael Ipsen 496; Rachel Adelstein 268; Sebastian Beaghen 38b; Chris Geissler 51; Rob Arbelo 171; Barbara Swetman 145b; Lily Hammond 472; John Hughes 474; Owen Stoddard 475.

RECESS

Ben Sachs-Hamilton called the class to order leading 313t. Leaders: Ian Quinn 57; Sam Dembling 100; Erin Fulton 289; Kobi Bordoley 101b; Holly Laws 240; Daniel Zaloum 411; Jasmine Mendoza 564; Joseph Shenk 105; Joseph Dunn 148; Kerry Cullinan 27; Lindsay Kruse 200; Joel Rosen 228; Sue Peters 63; Molly B. Ellis 481; Jennie Brown 278b; Ron Trial 183; Elias Neuman-Donihue 344.

RECESS

Owen Stoddard called the class to order leading 59. Leaders: Gary Ryan 271t; Jana Yeaton 277; Carol Huang 528; Ellie Knickman 352; George Sigut 86; Michael Natal with Michaela Natal 99; MB Gowins 436; Joan Frankel 172; Will Harron 460; Laura Hodges 189; Bill Holt 454; Linda Shea 300; Christopher Kain 467; Anne Kazlauskas 447; Marlina Ospina 451. Colleen Hayes offered a pre-meal blessing.

LUNCH

Will Harron and Jana Yeaton called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Margaret Hughes 222; Rachel Rudi 336; David Brodeur 558; Becky Wright 377; Paul Landskroener 486; Colleen Hayes 536; Andy Ditzler 299; Anabel Gravel Chabot 114; Erika Wilson 498; Sam Thomas 440; Kevin Beirne 428; Christna Foley 532; Thom Fahrbach 423; Deidra Montgomery 181; Nathan Rees 217; Doug Kurtze 315;

Porter Lontz-Underhill 142; Kate Bergren 417; Tom Evers 501; Jason Jack 198; Mike Richards 340; Wendy Sibbison 220; William Schuller 76b.

RECESS

Carol Huang called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Kit Walsh 124; Tim Eriksen 229; Anne Evers 290; Sam Kleinman 399b; Joan Nagy 504; Anayis Wright 362; Ryan Courtney 82t; Rowan Lupton 376; Evan Landon 535; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 298; Doug Kurtze and Jocelyn Kurtze 84; John Hughes and Sebastian Beaghen (registration card wits and wags) 106; Molly B. Ellis, Laura Hodges, John Hughes, Anne Kazlauskas, Deidra Montgomery, and Mike Richards (2023 New England Convention hosts) 153; Joseph Dunn, Tim Eriksen, Bill Holt, Joan Frankel, Porter Lontz-Underhill, Barbara Swetman, and Anayis Wright (attendees of at least one of the first twenty New England Conventions) 479; Kevin Beirne, Ryan Courtney, Carol Huang, Sam Kleinman, and Elias Neuman-Donihue (early-morning Metro North riders) 73t; Marie Brandis and Thom Fahrbach 36b. Gary Ryan closed the day with prayer. A social was held on Saturday evening at the home of Ian Quinn in Guilford, CT.

Sunday, October 6

Marie Brandis called the class to order leading 203. Michaela Natal offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Charles Biada 101t; Rachel Farber 60; Ian Quinn 345b; Michaela Natal 373; Jocelyn Kurtze 58; Ryan Konopka 155; Margaret Hughes 74t; Michael Ipsen 271t; Rachel Adelstein 351; Colleen Hayes 77b; Keillor Mose 170; Marlena Ospina 287; Jeremy Picker 163b; William Schuller 128; Mike Richards 129.

RECESS

Ian Quinn called the class to order leading 89. Leaders: Gwen Gethner 228; Harry Bernholz 186; Will Harron 384; David Durstewitz 122; Michael Natal 72b; Deidra Montgomery 197; Laszlo Bois 385b; Rowan Lupton 148; Don Youngberg with Margaret Youngberg 65; Rob Arbelo 455; MB Gowins 217; Evan Landon 162; Sebastian Beaghen 183; Holly Laws 410b; Dimitri Côté 480; Joan Nagy 56b; Ryan Courtney 31t.

RECESS

Rowan Lupton called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Erika Wilson 171; Kerry Cullinan 98; Kobi Bordoley 282.

Sage Chase-Dempsey led 95 after speaking for the following list of sick and shut-ins: Bridge Kennedy, Mary Ina Swetman, John Ryden Nelson, Ginny Ely, Martha Rogers, Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Jay Wu, Melissa Howrey Fulton, Tim Gregg, Brenda Waters, Christine Andrews, Inez Benichasa, Matthew Leger-Small, Tom Waggenner, Cornelia van den Doel, Tarik Wareh, Pattie Wareh, Mary Baumeister, Amelia Bilyeu, Meredith Doster, Chris Wilhelm, Amy Frankel, Philou, Marsha Camp, Matt Wojcik, Rosie Wojcik, and Richard Frankel.

Keillor Mose led 324 after speaking for those who had recently died: Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery, Richard Mauldin, Tommie Spurlock, and Malik Williams—Alabama; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Jeff Begley, Dan L. Burk, and Susan Fetcho—California; Alfred Saussothe and John Van Duzer—Colorado; Ruth-Anne Bryant—Florida; Bob Goodman, Martha Ann Stegar, and Anson Strickland—Georgia; Curtis Cook—Indiana; William Ralph Paris—Kentucky; A.O. Walsh and Ron Woodland—Massachusetts; Charlotte Ehrman, Holly Ruthberg, and Heather Wood—New York; Ann Schluter—North Dakota; Scott Swanton—North Carolina; Ellen Tepper and Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; Gratien Chabot and Alda Noël—Quebec; Chloe Webb—Texas; Bill Fellingner—Vermont; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Emily Mecklinberg. Michaela Natal closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Kit Walsh 214; Sam Dembling 390; Anabel Gravel Chabot 179; Erin Fulton 74b. Michaela Natal offered a pre-meal blessing.

LUNCH

Rachel Farber called the class to order leading 445. Leaders: Owen Stoddard 522; Jasmine Mendoza 397; Nathan Rees 272; Porter Lontz–Underhill 448t; Laura Hodges 291; Jennie Brown 534; Andy Ditzler 512; Thom Fahrback 302; Barbara Swetman 484; Sam Thomas 112; Anne Evers 196; Lindsay Cruz 182; David Brodeur 527; Ben Sachs–Hamilton 383; Paul Landskroener 212; Lily Hammond 547; Sam Kleinman 426b; Chris Geissler 444; Sage Chase–Dempsey 142; John Hughes 67.

RECESS

Marlena Ospina called the class to order leading 146. Leaders: Margaret Youngberg 269; Tom Evers 39t; Laura Clampitt 535; Penny Henzel 83t; Lloy Cook 178; Thom Fahrback and Erika Wilson (suppliers of Saturday-morning emergency coffee) 556; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 492; Sebastian Beaghen, Laura Clampitt, Chris Geissler, Holly Laws, Margaret Youngberg (New Haven singers who have moved away) 335; Andy Ditzler, Erin Fulton, and Nathan Rees (Sacred Harp Museum curators and associates) 103; Sage Chase–Dempsey, Kerry Cullinan, Colleen Hayes, Evan Landon, and Joan Nagy (2025 New England Convention hosts) 37b.

The business session was reopened for the purpose of hearing reports. It was reported that one hundred thirty-six singers registered from sixteen states or federal districts, two Canadian provinces, and the country of Chile, and that all expenses had been met. Thom Fahrback and Ian Quinn gave the resolutions, and Colleen Hayes accepted the charge to host the 2025 New England Convention on behalf of the Vermont singing community.

Marie Brandis and Colleen Hayes led 347, with the class rising on the final verse to take the parting hand. Michaela Natal offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Marie Brandis; Secretaries—Rachel Farber and Jeremy Picker

HAMBURG SINGING **Hamburg, Germany** **Saturday, October 5, 2024**

The Hamburg All-Day Singing was held at the Ökumenisches Forum HafenCity, Hamburg, on the first Saturday in October, organised by the Hamburg Sacred Harp Group. The class was called to order at 10:15 by Marcos Sullivan leading 31t.

Marcos gave the opening introduction, welcoming singers from across Germany and from other countries. Inga Buckland offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tobias Saalman 72b; Inga Buckland 32t; Chloë Spreadborough 56b; Nina Riegler 52t; Bertolt Hering 34b; Derek Buckland 162; Caro Stamm-Reusch 29t; Ulla Schlobohm 70b; Paul Kolenbrander 171; Caitlin Jay 131b; Rike Fischer 29b; Baker Wardlaw 49t; Cooper Thompson 146; Janna Itter 424; Tobias Saalman 198; Marcos Sullivan 217.

RECESS

Inga Buckland brought the second session to order leading 87. Leaders: Ulrike Tietjen 102; Catherine Van Duzer 280; Nina Riegler 479; Bertolt Hering 566; Caro Stamm-Reusch 373; Sara Hellström 335; Constantin Dorsch 51; Jasmina Graf 332; Derek Buckland 414; Paul Kolenbrander 299; Caitlin Jay 399b; Ulla Schlobohm 430; Cooper Thompson 268; Rike Fischer 448t; Baker Wardlaw 159; Tobias Saalman 173; Chloë Spreadborough 383; Marcos Sullivan 480.

RECESS

Chloë Spreadborough brought the third session to order leading 38b. Leaders: Bertolt Hering 503; Constantin Dorsch 71; Catherine Van Duzer 354t; Sara Hellström 66; Caro Stamm-Reusch 50t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Derek Buckland, who reflected on those listed as sick and housebound, others with ailments or disabilities, and those unable to attend singings for various reasons, thinking of how we can support each other as a

caring community. Caitlin Jay read the following names of the sick and housebound: Cäcilia Mann, Martha Stracke, and Dominik Fraune.

Lucia Ferguson read the following list of names of the deceased: Richard Mauldin, Dan Brittain, Dan Burk, Jeff Begley, Uschi Nolte, Henry Guthery, Chloë Webb, Stefan Dutt, John Van Duzer, Heidi Hanf, Gisela Wolk, and Alfred Saussotte. There was then a period of silence remembering all those people. Derek Buckland closed the lesson by leading 70t.

Leaders: Tobias Saalman 512; Inga Buckland 313t; Jasmina Graf 377; Caitlin Jay 128; Ulrike Tietjen 30b; Cooper Thompson 91; Rike Fischer 313b; Marcos Sullivan 113. Tobias Saalman gave thanks before the lunch break.

LUNCH

The post-lunch session began with Paul Kolenbrander leading 114. Leaders: Baker Wardlaw 207; Janna Itter 65; Chloë Spreadborough 148; Ulla Schlobohm 181; Bertolt Hering 282; Constantin Dorsch 428; Catherine Van Duzer 200; Sebastian May 444; Sara Hellström 155; Caro Stamm-Reusch 564; Derek Buckland 122; Tobias Saalman 236; Inga Buckland 545; Jasmina Graf 522; Caitlin Jay 330t; Ulrike Tietjen 505; Cooper Thompson 106; Rike Fischer 123b; Paul Kolenbrander 440; Baker Wardlaw 277; Chloë Spreadborough 349; Tobias Saalman 344; Marcos Sullivan 475.

RECESS

Bertolt Hering started off the final session of the day leading 84. Leaders: Nina Riegler 225t; Constantin Dorsch 542; Catherine Van Duzer 196; Sara Hellström 384; Caro Stamm-Reusch 410b; Jasmina Graf 215; Caitlin Jay 271t; Cooper Thompson 47b; Tobias Saalman 107; Ulrike Tietjen 224; Paul Kolenbrander 201; Chloë Spreadborough 375; Nina Riegler 467; Constantin Dorsch 506; Catherine Van Duzer 492; Sara Hellström 112; Caro Stamm-Reusch 565; Inga Buckland 445; Derek Buckland 385t.

Marcos Sullivan thanked all for attending and confirmed that it had been a great day. Lucia Ferguson gave the Treasurer's report, announcing that all expenses had been met. Announcements were made. The Secretary reported that ninety-six songs had been sung by thirty singers, with twenty-one people leading, from three registered countries (Germany, the Netherlands, USA—although we all come from lots of different places).

As the closing song, Marcos Sullivan led 209. Chloë Spreadborough offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marcos Sullivan; Secretary—Chloë Spreadborough

SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia

Saturday, October 5, 2024

The 155th session of the South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October at the Civic Center in Roberta, Georgia. President Bill DuPre called the class to order leading 31t. Elder Chris Robinson gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill DuPre 37b (in memory of Malik Williams); Jesse P. Karlsberg 569t, 310; Chris Robinson 65, 64; Glenda Collins 282, 283; Steven Taylor 86, 87; Faye Hollis 99, 155; José Camacho-Cerna 405, 120; Lisa Bennett 573, 26.

RECESS

Bill DuPre called the class back to order leading 225t. Leaders: David Smead 507, 318; Russ Hanson 270, 384; Mairye Bates 148, 63; Bert Collins 300, 542; Rosemund Watson 503, 149; Sandra Wilkinson 91, 175.

The class entered into a business session in which the following officers were elected to serve: President—Bill DuPre; Vice President—John Plunkett; Secretary—

Treasurers—Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock; Chaplain—Elder Chris Robinson. The class reviewed and confirmed the list of singings for 2024. Jesse P. Karlsberg presented the treasurer's report for 2023-2024, which the class approved. The business session was closed. John Brownlee offered the blessing over the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill DuPre brought the class back to order for the afternoon session leading 426t.

Leaders: Shawn Taylor 365; Martha Harrell 178.

Sandra Wilkinson and Russ Hanson led the memorial lesson. Sandra Wilkinson spoke about the many deceased members of the South Georgia Convention with whom she sang. She noted that we miss these singers and will not forget them.

Sandra also asked that we pray for the sick members of our singing community and their caregivers. Russ Hanson led 229. The deceased remembered were Beverly

Thompson—Georgia; Tommie Spurlock and Malik Williams—Alabama; Martha Ann Stegar—Virginia; Bob Goodman—California. The sick and shut-ins recognized were John Hollingsworth, Elsie Hollingsworth, Bill Hollingsworth, Jesse Roberts, and Alpha Watson. Wayne Watson closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Mary Brownlee and John Brownlee 47b, 163t; Lilly Hooks 354b, 445; Oscar McGuire 457, 128; José Camacho-Cerna and Gracia Velásquez 436; Steven Taylor 56b; Bert Collins and Faye Hollis 340; Lilly Hooks and Oscar McGuire 268.

After announcements, Rosemund Watson led 347 as the closing song. Wayne Watson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Bill DuPre; Vice President—John Plunkett; Secretary-Treasurers—Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock

SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION FALL SESSION Jarrell, Texas October 5-6, 2024 Saturday, October 5

The annual fall session of the Southwest Texas Convention met on Saturday before the first Sunday in October at Jarrell Memorial Community Center. The tune book for the weekend was the 2012 Revision of *The B.F. White Sacred Harp (Cooper Book)* unless otherwise noted.

Jeb Owen called the class to order by leading 31b (CB). Gary Rogan led the opening prayer. Leaders: Jeb Owen 60 (CB); Kristie Powell 332 (CB); Gaylon Powell 91 (CB); Sarah Huckaby 140 (CB); Gary Rogan 558 (CB); Amy Peveto 572 (CB); Bill Bailey 406 (CB); Janie Short 148 (CB); Brooke Robb 32t (CB); Liz Owen 216 (CB); Beverly Coates 268b (CB) (for Syd Caldwell); Tom Owen 101b (CB); Rick Foreman 508 (CB); Abby Huckaby 168 (CB); Stina Soderling 176t (CB); Linda Booker 39 (CB); Zack Rogan 442t (CB); Emily Brown 86 (CB); Tammy Powell 217 (CB); Kristofer Ilex 535t (CB); Lincoln Wiggins 45t (CB); Tristan Gordon 42 (CB); Vivian Rogan 343 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 47t (CB); Kris Wiggins 49b (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Jeb Owen 376 (CB); Olivia Powell 128 (CB); Abby Huckaby 282 (CB); Tristan Gordon 123t (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 159 (CB); Tammy Powell 137 (CB); Tom Owen 522 (CB); Stina Soderling 142 (CB); Sarah Huckaby 53 (CB); Rick Foreman 186 (CB); Vivian Rogan 559 (CB); Amy Peveto 277 (CB); Brooke Robb 99 (CB); Liz Owen 192 (CB); Kristofer Ilex 98 (CB); Gary Rogan 276 (CB); Linda Booker 107 (CB); Kris Wiggins 163t (CB); Emily Brown 38t (CB); Beverly Coates 269 (CB). Elder Sonny Huckaby asked for the blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Jeb Owen called the class back to order leading 410 (CB). He appointed Tom Owen and Silas Huckaby to serve on the Memorial Committee. Leaders: Janie Short 505

(CB); Bill Bailey 115 (CB); Kristie Powell 383 (CB); Gaylon Powell 372 (CB); Rick Foreman 560 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 485 (CB); Tom Owen 541 (CB); Olivia Powell 45t (CB); Emily Brown 404 (CB); Stina Soderling 422b (CB); Kristofer Ilex 567 (CB); Sarah Huckaby 355 (CB); Gary Rogan 30b (CB); Linda Booker 199 (CB); Janie Short 268t (CB); Kris Wiggins 222 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Gaylon Powell 172 (CB); Tristan Gordon 477 (CB); Bill Bailey 444t (CB); Vivian Rogan 392 (CB); Beverly Coates 520 (CB); Amy Peveto 78 (CB) (for Mike Hinton); Brooke Robb 68b (CB); Abby Huckaby 196 (CB); Liz Owen 220 (CB); Tammy Powell 543 (CB); Kristie Powell 208 (CB); Kristofer Ilex and Susannah Cummings 133 (CB); Gary Rogan and Vivian Rogan 49t (CB); Jeb Owen and Liz Owen 129 (CB); Tom Owen and Rick Foreman 47b (CB); Beverly Coates and Janie Short 270 (CB); Tristan Gordon and Stina Soderling 480t (CB); Kris Wiggins and Priscilla Wiggins 230 (CB); Kristie Powell and Holly McClarin 68t (CB).

Jeb Owen led 377b (CB) as the closing song for the day. The closing prayer was led by Kris Wiggins.

Sunday, October 6

The Sunday session of the convention began with Jackson Owen leading 422b. The morning prayer was offered by Tom Owen.

Leaders: Jackson Owen 331b (CB); Kristie Powell 210 (CB); Gaylon Powell 203 (CB); Tom Owen 422t (CB); Silas Huckaby 380t (CB); Michele Curran 356 (CB); Riley Owen 138t (CB); Stina Soderling 200 (CB); Patrick Curran 53 (CB); Tim Schaefer 40 (CB); Amy Peveto 478 (CB); Ellee Curran 427 (CB); Beverly Coates 464 (CB); Bill Bailey 121 (CB); Josh Rogan 411 (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 365 (CB); Scott Curran 383 (CB); Lauren Owen 514 (CB); Kristofer Ilex 101t (CB); Tristan Gordon 74b (CB); Vivian Rogan 215 (CB); Brooke Robb 122 (CB); Abi Curran 75 (CB); Olivia Powell and Kris Wiggins 235 (CB); Abby Huckaby 282 (CB); Daniel Allcock 45t (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Jackson Owen 107 (CB); Sarah Huckaby 163t (CB); Emily Brown 54t (CB); Tammy Powell 553 (CB); Kris Wiggins 422t (CB); Gary Rogan 48t (CB); Stina Soderling 436t (CB); Bill Bailey 73t (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 182 (CB); Josh Rogan 239 (CB); Susannah Cummings and Kristofer Ilex 380b (CB); Amy Peveto 463 (CB); Michele Curran 520 (CB).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Silas Huckaby read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins. After making comments, he led 47t (CB).

Tom Owen read the list of names of those who passed away since we met last. After making comments, he led 568 (CB). The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Riley Owen.

Leaders: Brooke Robb 425 (CB); Kris Wiggins 148 (CB); Scott Curran 424 (CB); Tristan Gordon 138b (CB); Gary Rogan 129 (CB); Riley Owen 283t (CB). The morning session closed with prayer offered by Gary Rogan.

LUNCH

Leaders: Jackson Owen 183 (CB); Daniel Allcock 331b (CB); Lauren Owen 288 (CB); Abi Curran 146 (CB); Abby Huckaby 222 (CB); Vivian Rogan 96 (CB); Saul San Jaun 186 (CB); Beverly Coates 421 (CB); Ellee Curran 196 (CB); Silas Huckaby 524 (CB); Tim Schaefer 63 (CB); Patrick Curran 319 (CB); Emily Brown 414 (CB); Tom Owen 399 (CB); Tammy Powell 95b (CB); Olivia Powell 240 (CB); Kristofer Ilex 552 (CB); Tristan Gordon 29t (CB); Priscilla Wiggins 408 (CB); Tim Schaefer 300 (CB); Stina Soderling 373 (CB); Kris Wiggins 58 (CB); Patrick Curran and Scott Curran 274t (CB); Emily Brown and Vivian Rogan 572 (CB); Tom Owen and Beverly Coates 465 (CB); Michele Curran and Abi Curran 571 (CB); Lauren Owen and Ellee Curran 159 (CB); Riley Owen and Silas Huckaby 47b (CB); Brooke Robb

and Amy Peveto 77t (CB); Bill Bailey and Saul San Juan 335 (CB); Abby Huckaby and Olivia Powell 434 (CB); Tammy Powell and Kristie Powell 559 (CB); Daniel Allcock and Gaylon Powell 298 (CB).

After announcements, Jackson Owen led 558 (CB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Silas Huckaby.

Chairman—Jeb Owen; Vice Chairman—Jackson Owen; Secretaries—Gaylon Powell and Kristie Powell

ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT, PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL

Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama

Sunday, October 6, 2024

The 56th session of the Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Hyatt, Putman, and Wootten Memorial singing was held at Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church in Oneonta, Alabama, on the first Sunday in October. Terry Hullett called the class to order by leading 81t. Doyle Alexander offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 61; Rebekah Gilmore 101t; Doyle Alexander 99; Philip Gilmore 76b; Judy Chambless 472; Winfred Kerr 283; James Robert Chambless 77b; Mike Hankins 282; Judy Caudle 328 (in memory of Herby Bailey); Roma Rice 452; Ricky Beasley 127; Shane Brown 128; Tom George 276; Sarah George and James George 441; Elene Stovall 182; Prisca Rice 145b; Samuel Williams 296; Nicholas Thompson 189.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 159. Leaders: Lisa Geist 272; Matthew Siefert 368; Emily Eddins 421; Kevin Eddins 38b; Dana Eddins 217; Abigail Cannon 234; Linda Thomas and Jamey Wootten 39t; Eric Eddins 344; Ethan Eddins 129; Elliott Eddins 31t; Edith Eddins 108t; Chris Ballinger 120; Grace Gilmore 542; John Gilmore and Philip Gilmore 47b.

LUNCH

Philip Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, Grace Gilmore, and Mary Jewel Gilmore brought the class back together by leading 87. Leaders: James George and Tom George 300; Donna Wootten 418 (for Nate Green); Larry Ballinger 151; Reba Windom 192; David Ivey 478; Cassie Allen 517; Paula Henderson 270; Rodney Ivey 312b; Sharon DuPriest 313t; Shane Wootten 426b, 571 (CB) (in memory of Jewel Wootten); Rebekah Gilmore and Grace Gilmore 411; Kevin Eddins and Dana Eddins 196; Emily Eddins, Edith Eddins, Eric Eddins, Ethan Eddins, Elliott Eddins 78, 157; Prisca Rice 565; Shane Brown and Jamey Wootten 440; Sarah George and Abigail Cannon 500; Lisa Geist and Nicholas Thompson 528; Larry Ballinger and Samuel Williams 160t; Judy Caudle and Judy Chambless 112; Judy Caudle 459 (by request); Winfred Kerr and James Robert Chambless 225t, 146; Terry Hullett 340. Terry Hullett led 45t as the closing song. Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Arranging/Secretary—Rebekah Gilmore

MANCHESTER SACRED HARP SINGING

Greater Manchester, United Kingdom

Saturday, October 12, 2024

The 4th session of the Manchester Sacred Harp Singing met at Withington Methodist Church, Manchester, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Matthew Parkinson leading 47t. Sophie Phipson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom Sprackland 460; Sophie Lockhart 81t; Richard Percival 479; Susanna Cox 49t; Chal Zon 294; Lucy Atkinson 547; Barry Parsons 465; Jacoba Bruneel 421; Joshua Lant 439; Sophie Phipson 129; Werner Ullah 278t; Hannah Land 556; Derek Buckland 330t; Kate Kirwan 105; Margaret Bradshaw 114; Chris Coombs 72b; Jessica Beer 436; Brenda Bowley 499.

RECESS

John Sprackland led 49b to bring the class together. Leaders: Martel Reynolds 448b; Harriet Monkhouse 392; Alastair Warner 117; Claire Welford 475; Rowan Simms 365; Catherine van Duzer 481; Al Williams 37b; Inga Buckland 42; Chris Adam 426t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Hannah Land, who read the following list of names of the deceased: Emily Webster—Cambridge, UK; Dawn Jeffrey, Zareer Masani, and Dinos Nearchou—London, UK; Peter Polish—Carmarthen, UK; Betty Hine—Stockport, UK; Pat Beaton—Blackpool, UK; Derek Beaton and Carol Whittaker—Freckleton, UK; Summer York—Bristol, UK; Robert Laycock—Derby, UK; Keith Scott—Topsham, UK; Brian Parkinson—Norwich, UK; Uschi Nolte—Bremen, Germany; LaVerne Lewis, John van Duzer, and Alfred Sausotte—Colorado, USA; Malik Williams, Richard Mauldin, and Henry Guthery—Alabama, USA; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Dan Burk, Jeff Begley, and Susan Fetcho—California, USA; Chloe Webb—Texas, USA.

She also read the following list of names of the sick and housebound: Doreen Rogers, Rob Mahoney, Colin Richards, Elizabeth Richards, Cath Tyler, and Larry Dinh.

Hannah led 107.

Leaders: Nigel Bowley 66; Karen Turner 528; Phil Tyler 474; Sarah West 215; Nick Hall 213b; Charlotte Lynch and Joshua Lant 212. Grace was said before lunch by Chal Zon.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Leilai Immel-Parkinson leading 128. Leaders: Theresa Hughes and Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 551; Richard Mayers 182; Sunny Doyle 300; Richard Ogden and Matthew Parkinson 448t; Jacoba Bruneel 383; Barry Parsons 500; Jessica Beer 430; Al Williams 183; Kate Kirwan 444; Nick Hall 455; Claire Welford 532; Margaret Bradshaw 318; Phil Tyler 320; Rowan Simms 250; Sarah West 376; Joshua Lant 458; Sophie Lockhart 335; Derek Buckland 101b; Karen Turner 280; Chris Adam 339; Martel Reynolds 506; Hannah Land 507; Chris Coombs 142; Inga Buckland 453.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Werner Ullah leading 457. Leaders: Nigel Bowley 503; Sophie Phipson 112; Alastair Warner 47b; Brenda Bowley 400; Chal Zon 65; Charlotte Lynch 432; Richard Mayers 524; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 56b; John Sprackland 268; Kate Kirwan 345b; Sunny Doyle 313b; Nick Hall 454; Rowan Simms 425; Catherine van Duzer 354t; Derek Buckland 123b; Roo Bramley and Chal Zon 159; Inga Buckland 535.

Matthew Parkinson offered thanks to all singers and those who helped set up the singing, especially the kitchen team, and made announcements to the class. Treasurer Chal Zon reported that expenses had been met. Harriet Monkhouse gave the Secretary's report, announcing that eighty songs (including the closing song) had been led by forty-two leaders, and fifty-seven singers had registered from six countries (England, Scotland, Wales, Germany, USA and Canada).

Matthew Parkinson led 347 as the closing song. Sophie Phipson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matthew Parkinson; Vice Chairperson—Sophie Lockhart; Secretary—Harriet Monkhouse

TAYLOR SINGING
Lafayette County, Mississippi
Saturday, October 12, 2024

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Taylor Methodist Church (formerly held at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church) was called to order by Warren Steel leading 75, 74b, and 47t. Matt Bell led the morning prayer.

Leaders: Matt Bell 30b, 165, 166; Anne Steel 200, 390, 354b; Mark Tew 108t, 318, 268; Elsie Dalton 142, 178, 230; Suzy Bishop 87, 312t, 30t.

RECESS

Jeff Corbett reassembled the class leading 326 and 107. Leaders: Arlon Gardner 183, 168; Chuck Howell 127, 373; Sophia Gardner 282, 278t; Dave Stewart 49t, 140; Susan Wood 313t; Curtis Gregory 341, 40; Priscilla Bell 70b, 88t; Dalton Green 328, 133.

A memorial lesson was held in honor of the following deceased: Earl Ballinger, Ester Mann, Bobby Neyman, Judy Martinez, and Dan Brittain. Warren Steel led "Hurricane Creek" in memory of the deceased.

LUNCH

Warren Steel called the class together leading 36b. Leaders: Regina Derstine 71, 300; Logan Green 99, 547; Caroline Green 217, 216; Jeff Corbett 276; Priscilla Bell 157; Dalton Green 203; Dave Stewart 513; Regina Derstine 327; Logan Green 111b; Caroline Green 277; Matt Bell 434; Anne Steel 428; Mark Tew 335; Elsie Dalton 150, 86; Jeff Corbett and Warren Steel 236; Logan Green 528; Matt Bell 269.

Following announcements, Warren Steel led 278b as the closing song. Dalton Green dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Secretary—Anne Steel

WAKEFIELD SACRED HARP SINGING
La Pêche, Québec, Canada
Saturday, October 12, 2024

The first edition of the Wakefield All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Rupert Community Center in La Pêche on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by névé dumas leading 72b. Hannah Kaya offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Anabel Gravel Chabot 101t; Carl Bear 39t; Alan Rempel 49t; Indigo Micciché 87; Jocelyn Veevers 86; Philou 49b; Gillian Prouse 144; Esther Wade 142; Adrienne Stevenson 276; Ève Martin Jalbert 48b; Penny Henzel 278t; Robin Luckwaldt 378b; névé dumas 421.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Indigo Micciché leading 159. Leaders: Hannah Kaya 430; Philou 272; Robin Luckwaldt 163b; Jocelyn Veevers 268; Jim Nuyens and Adrienne Stevenson 178; Anabel Gravel Chabot 108b; Car Bear 344; Esther Wade 131b; Laurence Vézina 472; Patrick Friesen 354t; Penny Henzel and Indigo Micciché 83t; Alan Rempel 65; Ève Martin Jalbert 107; névé dumas 99; Philou 29t; Adrienne Stevenson 480; Jocelyn Veevers 117; Patrick Friesen 82t.

LUNCH

Ariane Roberge called the singers back together by leading 270. Leaders: Alan Rempel 70t; John Braun and Steph Meunier 209; Laurence Vézina 532; Hannah Kaya 217; Anabel Gravel Chabot 500; Laszlo Bois 300; Esther Wade 38b; Indigo Micciché 42; Patrick Friesen 228; Ève Martin Jalbert 212; Robin Luckwaldt 455; Penny Henzel 417; névé dumas 183; Adrienne Stevenson 148; Philou 47b; Jocelyn Veevers 146; Steph Meunier 503; Alan Rempel 504; Laurence Vézina 542; Hannah Kaya 203.

RECESS

John Braun and Hannen Sabean led 83b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Ariane Roberge 76b; Indigo Miccchè 340; David Baril 569b; Ève Martin Jalbert 457; Susan Oke 66; Esther Wade 101b; Gillian Prouse 535; Meghan Kitt 284; Sheehan Jordan and Patrick Friesen 318; Laszlo Bois 385b; Hannah Kaya 94; Anabel Gravel Chabot 229; Robin Luckwaldt 481; Miel Azevedo 38t; Dimitri Côté 122; Steph Meunier 277.

RECESS

The Sherbrooke visiting singers brought us back together leading 31t. Leaders: Ariane Roberge 290; Daphné Vézina and Laurence Vézina 56b; Sheehan Jordan and Patrick Friesen 425; Kate Jordan 89; névé dumas 332; Jocelyn Veevers, Alan Rumpel, and Meghan Kitt 230; Laszlo Bois 335; Susan Oke 155; Penny Henzel and Robin Luckwaldt 410t; Hannen Sabean 33b; Laurence Vézina 69t; Hannah Kaya 282; Bea Oleary Ross and Patrick Friesen 323t; Miel Azevedo and Robin Luckwaldt 323b.

A business meeting was held in order to hear reports from various committees.

Gillian Prouse reported for the Finance Committee that expenses were met. Hannah Kaya of the Resolutions Committee read its report: thanking the officers and committee members for their service, thanking the cooks for bringing delicious food for sustenance, and resolving to meet again next year. Anabel Gravel Chabot gave the Secretary's report stating that forty-four singers representing two Canadian provinces and one American state led eighty-seven songs. The meeting was closed.

Announcements were made.

Hannah Kaya and névé dumas led 62 as the closing song. Hannah Kaya gave the closing prayer.

Co-chairpersons—névé dumas and Hannah Kaya; Secretaries—Ariane Roberge, Anabel Gravel Chabot, Kels Cheslock

WINSTON-SALEM SACRED HARP SINGING

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Saturday, October 12, 2024

The first Winston-Salem Sacred Harp singing met at Fries Memorial Moravian Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Corinne Serfass leading 31t. John Stoltz offered the opening prayer.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Corinne Serfass; Secretaries—Thomas Begley and Isabella Pezzulo; Arranging Committee—Thomas Begley and Isabella Pezzulo.

Leaders: Tom Dillon 452; John Calhoun 49b; Bill Lowry 276; Morgan Kist 547; David Bowen 268; Erin Newton 573; Andrew Leager 186; Michele Dohse 47b; Jonathan Wood 270; Andrea Angott 472; Meaghan Kachadoorian 354t; John Stoltz 49t.

RECESS

Thomas Begley led 111b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Michael Archer 480; Isabella Pezzulo 162; Sam Adioetomo 38b; Stacey Berkheimer 72b; Bridget Jamison 32t; Rachel Mann 81t; Kevin Slaughter 347; Chris Wolf 271t; Bill Lowry 143; Michele Dohse 128; Thomas Begley and Isabella Pezzulo 278t; Anne Gilliland 287; David Bowen 203.

RECESS

Corinne Serfass led 29t to bring the class back together. Leaders: John Calhoun 163b; Eric Conrad 142; Michael Archer 148; John Stoltz 76t; Tom Dillon 446; Isabella Pezzulo 122; Andrea Angott 40; Rachel Mann 229; Erin Newton 114; Meaghan Kachadoorian 499; Anne Gilliland 127; Thomas Begley 317. Corinne Serfass led a setting of the Moravian table grace in shapes as the dinner blessing.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Corinne Serfass leading 73t. Leaders: Kevin Slaughter 388; Sam Adioetomo 163t; Morgan Kist 535; Stacey Berkheimer 297; Jonathan Wood 230; Eric Conrad 210; Kathy Kaiser 212; Bridget Jamison 315; Corrine Serfass 215; Chris Wolf 144; Rachel Mann 479; Michele Dohse 63; Erin Newton 466; Michael Archer 173; Andrea Angott 34b; Bill Lowry 84; David Gardner 504.

RECESS

Corinne Serfass led 274t to bring the class back together. Chris Wolf presented the memorial lesson, and led 129 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Werner Kist, Julian Irvine, Clarke and Maddy; Gene Anderson, and Camilo Moore. Chris Wolf led 425 in memory of the following deceased: Doug Heidt—West Virginia; John Van Duzer and Alfred Sausette—Colorado; Brittany Robinson—North Carolina; Sue Osborne—Virginia. Corinne Serfass closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Tom Dillon 569b; Stacey Berkheimer 227; Kathy Kaiser 503; John Calhoun 569t; Sam Adioetomo 448t; Jonathan Wood 528; Bridget Jamison 205; Morgan Kist 68b; Erin Newton 546; Bill Lowry 288; Michele Dohse 117; Rachel Mann 497; Sam Adioetomo 178. Announcements were made.

Corinne Serfass led 62 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. Chairperson—Corinne Serfass; Secretaries—Thomas Begley and Isabella Pezzulo

ALBRIGHT, CATES, BROWN, AND SHEPPARD MEMORIAL Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia Sunday, October 13, 2024

The annual Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, south of Bremen, Georgia, on the second Sunday in October. This singing was previously held at Muscadine Methodist Church in Muscadine, Cleburne County, Alabama, however, several Methodist churches were dissolved in Cleburne County. The Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial has been moved to Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church. Rene Greene welcomed everyone, and then led 49t. Oscar McGuire offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Pam Nunn; Secretary—Donna Bell. Reba Windom was appointed to arrange leaders.

Leaders: Pam Nunn 63; Donna Bell 499 (for Momma and Daddy); Winfred Kerr 500, 515; Glenda Collins 566, 124; Oscar McGuire 34b, 171; Judy Mincey 468, 547; Barbara Brooks 119, 58; David Smead 290, 470; Bill DuPre 42, 107; Sheri Taylor 126, 148.

RECESS

The singing resumed with Rene Greene leading 186. Leaders: Reba Windom 270; John Plunkett 271t (for Henry Johnson), 271b; Karen Rollins 297, 298 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Nathan Rees 29b (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard), 110; Lisa Bennett 346, 145b (in memory of Bob Goodman); Cecil Roberts 399b; Stefani Priskos 410b (for Molly Dektar), 440; Shane Brown 56t, 36b (in memory of the Jones sisters); Fallon Cook and Creesi Cook 40, 146; Shawn Taylor 240; Winfred Kerr 283; Pam Nunn 155; David Smead 551. Cecil Roberts offered the blessing of the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rene Greene brought the class back to order leading 299. Leaders: Barbara Brooks 101b; Oscar McGuire 573, 556 (in memory of Jeff Sheppard); Glenda Collins 454 (for her brother); Cecil Roberts 491; Donna Bell 196; Bill DuPre 349; Judy Mincey 182, 465 (for the DeLong brothers); Shawn Taylor 228; John Plunkett 41; Stefani

Priskos 475; Nathan Rees 464 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard and composer, Ted Mercer); Lisa Bennett 48t, 49b; David Gilman 178; Fallon Cook 176t. Announcements were made. Singers in attendance related to the Cates, Brown, and Sheppard families were Oscar McGuire, Rene Sheppard Greene, Pam Sheppard Nunn, Fallon Cook, Creesi Cook, and Donna Garner Bell. They led 269. Rene Greene led 46 as the closing song. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Pam Nunn; Secretary—Donna Bell

BIRTHDAY-ANTHEM SINGING

Portland, Oregon

Friday, October 18, 2024

Eighteen singers from five states and one Canadian province gathered at the home of Thom Fahrback to celebrate the upcoming birthday of David Brodeur on the evening of October 18, 2024, in Portland, Oregon. David Brodeur called the class to order by leading 295. Andy Ditzler welcomed singers with brief remarks. Leaders: David Brodeur 250, 553; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 260; David Brodeur 355; David Brodeur and Marie Brandis 254. David Brodeur closed the singing by leading 270.

Chairman—David Brodeur; Secretary—Andy Ditzler

ANDREWS CHAPEL SINGING

Thomaston, Georgia

Saturday, October 19, 2024

The annual singing at Andrews Chapel Schoolhouse was called to order by Bill DuPre leading 32t. Elder Chris Robinson gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill DuPre 426t; John Plunkett 33b, 93; Glenda Collins 63, 99; Martha Harrell 77t, 178; Chris Robinson 76t, 76b; Lisa Bennett 162, 436; Tim Meeks 129, 383; Oscar McGuire 171.

RECESS

Bill DuPre called the class back to order leading 31t. The class entered into a business session and elected the following officers for the day: Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretary—David Smead. Bill DuPre noted that, due to extensive renovations to the historic structure, this singing was being held in Andrews Chapel Schoolhouse for the first time since 2020. He welcomed guests from the Upson County community. Leaders: Laura Frey 163b, 358; David Smead 271b, 148; Rosemund Watson 503, 94; Lilly Hooks 354b, 445; Bert Collins 542, 335; Stephen Hammock 128, 540; Judy Mincey 34t, 464; Mary Brownlee and John Brownlee 47b; Oscar McGuire “Andrews Chapel” by Raymond Hamrick.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bill DuPre leading 37b (for Bridge Kennedy and in memory of Malik Williams). Leaders: Annie Peachey and Trent Peachey 117; Trent Peachey 548, 268; Nathan Rees 348b, 176b; John Plunkett 480; Lisa Bennett 475 (in memory of Bob Goodman); David Smead 354t; Judy Mincey 501; Stephen Hammock 126; Laura Frey 479; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 45t; Martha Harrell 515; Lilly Hooks 569t; Nathan Rees 40; Chris Robinson 569b; Trent Peachey 338; Bill DuPre 276.

Following announcements, Rosemund Watson and Lilly Hooks led 347 as the closing song. Elder Chris Robinson dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretary—David Smead

TENNESSEE STATE SACRED HARP SINGING
Arlington United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, October 19, 2024

The Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing was held in the Arlington United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Alex Forsyth leading 60. Ron Harper offered the morning prayer.

The class organized by appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Alex Forsyth; Vice Chairman—Rachael Geary; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson; Arranging—Barrett Patton.

Leaders: Rachael Geary 32t, 376; Barrett Patton 36b, 317; Ron Harper 29t, 440; David Carlton 171, 421; Joy Dunn 128, 65; Margaret Ivey 28t, 503; John Wendt 274b, 210; Tim Reynolds 358 (in memory of Clayton Ezell), 472; Barbara Lehr 178, 47b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Nicholas Thompson leading 345b. Leaders: Tim Morton 187, 168; Susan Lee 32b, 564; Sarah George and James George 434, 373; Caleb Dillehay 39b, 112; Rick Fretter 107, 163b; Joyce Forry 101t, 480; Daniel Lee 489, 213b; Tim Gregg 90, 498; Carol Wendt 312b, 569b.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ron Harper leading 40. Leaders: Emily Stutzman 276, 167; Zach Martin 146, 348b; Katherine Bucston and Brandon Bucston 68b, 285t; Molly V. Sauder 155, 455; Mark Jones 149, 282. Zach Martin led prayer before the lunch break.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Alex Forsyth leading 319. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 208, 189; James George 59; Bridge Hill Kennedy 448t, 383; Hollie Long 345t, 227; Abigail Cannon 156, 336; Shane Wootten 543, 42; Butch White 547, 313b; Claudia Dean 121, 369; David Ivey 230, 231; Cindy Tanner 182, 436; Ginny Landgraf 215, 228; Tom George 368, 343; Cheyenne Ivey 166, 30b; Hollie Long, Molly V. Sauder, and Joyce Forry 495; Tim Gregg, Tim Morton and Joy Dunn 318; Bridge Hill Kennedy and Nicholas Thompson 192 (in memory of Ozella Blackman); Cindy Tanner, Tom George, and Sarah George 269; Ginny Landgraf 372; Cheyenne Ivey, Abigail Cannon, and Joyce Marton 76b; Daniel Lee and Susan Lee 278t; Alex Forsyth 321.

Following announcements, Alex Forsyth, Rachael Geary, and Barrett Patton led 323t as the closing song. Ron Harper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Alex Forsyth; Vice Chairman—Rachael Geary; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION
Enfield Valley Grange, Ithaca, New York
October 19-20, 2024

Saturday, October 19

The 34th session of the New York State Convention met at the Enfield Grange on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. The class was called to order by Ginny Huszagh leading 34b. Lynn Wilson offered the opening prayer. Dennis Leipold, last year's chairman, led 47t.

Leaders: Candis Bailey 49b; Tarik Wareh 322; Emily Raffensberger 105; Ernest Blake 48t; Kathy Chillemi 178; Laura Densmore 228; Bob Wheeler 171; Landon Peer 86; Ginny Huszagh 189; Mary Skidmore 203; Jean Seiler 142; Nancy Tkacs 31t.

RECESS

Bob Wheeler called the class back leading 39t. Leaders: Guy Bankes 441; Lynn Wilson 68b; Jeff Shenk 87; Barbara Swetman 353; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Hal Kunkel 193; Sue Peters 77b; Seth Rutledge 47b; Dan Brown 276; Melody Johnson 475; Kass Urban-Mead 200; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Robert Manning 479; Denise Morris 58; Dev Crasta and Danielle Raymo 277.

RECESS

Dennis Leipold reconvened the class leading 145b. Leaders: Brian Collett 569b; Kathy Collett 344; Laura Densmore 486; Katie Browne 290; Harold Taddy 209; Will Doolittle 285t; Joy Pople 236. Mary Skidmore asked a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Tarik Wareh led 215 to bring the class together. Leaders: Jean Seiler 472; Candis Bailey 148; Dennis Leipold 84; Sue Peters 59; Kathy Chillemi 146; Emily Raffensberger 374; Laura Densmore 349; Bob Wheeler 183; Landon Peer 376; Ginny Huszagh 569t; Mary Skidmore 358; Tarik Wareh 196; Nancy Tkacs 361; Guy Banks 315; Lisa Sieverts 473; Lynn Wilson 217; Jeff Shenk 128; Barbara Swetman 216.

RECESS

Jerusha Wheeler called the class back together leading 63. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 36b; Seth Rutledge 335; Melody Johnson 490; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Kass Urban-Mead 162; Robert Manning 326; Denise Morris 184; Dev Crasta 56b; Katie Browne 40; Joy Pople 155; Jean Seiler 299; Candis Bailey 163b; Dennis Leipold 300; Sue Peters 56t; Kathy Chillemi 186; Laura Densmore 540; Bob Wheeler 452; Mary Skidmore 163t; Tarik Wareh 312b; Guy Bankes 287; Barbara Swetman 198; Jerusha Wheeler 354b; Hal Kunkel 528; Seth Rutledge 410t; Kass Urban-Mead 425; Jeff Shenk 283; Dev Crasta 282. Announcements were made.

Ginny Huszagh led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Lynn Wilson.

Sunday, October 20

The Sunday session of the New York State Sacred Harp Convention met again at the Enfield Valley Grange, Ithaca, New York. The class was called to order by Ginny Huszagh leading 31t. Dennis Leipold gave an opening prayer. Leaders: Jean Seiler 101t; Melody Johnson 313b; Dennis Leipold 313t; Lynn Wilson 523; Candis Bailey 34b; Sue Hengelsberg 294; Laura Densmore 370; Denise Morris 100; Mary Skidmore 52t; Tarik Wareh 278b; Sue Peters 32t; Guy Banks 28b; Barbara Swetman 35.

RECESS

Melody Johnson brought the class to order leading 270. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 142; Emily Raffensberger and Hal Kunkel 216; Seth Rutledge 481 (in memory of P. Dan Brittain).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Barbara Swetman and Tarik Wareh. Barbara, asking us to take a break to remember those to whom we are connected, led 68b for the following sick and shut-ins: Dan Hertzler, John O'Neill, Indigo Scorn, Cate Skidmore, Mary Hubbell, Eric Bean, Margaret Bornick, and Pleasance Crawford.

Tarik spoke and read the following names of the deceased: Sandra Trutt, Hollie Ruthberg, Norman MacAfee, Harry Marten, Evan Eisenhandler—New York; R. Lee Huszagh—Illinois; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Tom Tucker, Daniel Wert, Donelle Raffensberger—Pennsylvania; Shirley T. Bean—California; Grace Chappell—New Jersey; Mary Ina Swetman—Alabama; Suellen Leonard—North Carolina; Ray Namie—Virginia. Tarik led 379. He opened the floor for memories of Dan Brittain. Sue Peters told about when she was new to shape note singing she stopped at a singing in Alabama on the way to fasola camp. At lunch she sat near Dan Brittain. "I love the sound"... "Did you know they leave the third of the chord out?" she

enthused. “I know... I know,” he kindly agreed. At camp she bound into class only to discover to her utter embarrassment that her instructor was P. Dan Brittain. And she had been trying to instruct him with her meager knowledge! Laura Densmore remembered when Dan hosted the NY convention at the church in Cazenovia where he was choir director. Ginny Huszagh told about the time we were trying to lead tunes we didn’t know, but couldn’t find any, until someone said, does anyone know this, besides, Eric Bean and Dan Brittain? Tarik closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jean Seiler 378t; Melody Johnson 474; Dennis Leipold 495; Lloyd Graves 510.

RECESS

Ginny Huszagh brought the class back together leading 63. Leaders: Emily Raffenberger 129; Sue Hengelsberg 288; Jerusha Wheeler 203; Denise Morris 362; Ernest Blake 84; Lynn Wilson 452; Mary Skidmore 440. Ernest Blake offered a joyful grace.

LUNCH

Eric Bean began the afternoon session by leading 106. Leaders: Hal Kunkel 146; Candis Bailey 312b; Guy Bankes 556; Barbara Swetman 383; Tarik Wareh 492; Ginny Huszagh 475; Jean Seiler 72b; Seth Rutledge 148; Dennis Leipold 61; Jerusha Wheeler 36t; Sue Peters 274b; Emily Raffenberger 479; Mary Skidmore 500; Denise Morris 503; Ernest Blake 38t; Bob Wheeler 39t.

Hal Kunkel and Jean Seiler led 42 (in memory of Tom Tucker). Hal recalled how singing Tom’s song “Wingate” with the words “All our heroes are not gone, love them before they pass on.” inspired him to write “Ten Thousand Charms”.

Leaders: Candis Bailey 274t; Guy Bankes 297; Barbara Swetman 145b; Tarik Wareh 330b; Ginny Huszagh 209; Jean Seiler, Tarik Wareh, and Mary Skidmore 192; Seth Rutledge 268.

Seth Rutledge, treasurer, reported expenses had been met and there was some money for next year. Barbara Swetman, secretary, reported one hundred forty-three (plus four more) tunes were lead by thirty-seven leaders from five states and one province. Announcements were made. Ginny Huszagh resolved the 35th session of the New York State Sacred Harp Convention would meet in the Albany, New York, area the third Sunday and Saturday before in October, 2025. She thanked those who worked to make the singing possible.

Leaders: Dennis Leipold 121; Jerusha Wheeler 448t; Mary Skidmore 76b; Ernest Blake 334.

Ginny Huszagh led 62 and we gave a parting hand. Guy Bankes offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Ginny Huszagh; Secretaries—Laura Densmore, Kass Urban-Mead, Sue Hengelsberg, Candis Bailey, Barbara Swetman, and Denise Morris

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION, OREGON Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon

October 19-20, 2024

Saturday, October 19

The 32nd annual Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention, Oregon Session met at the Laurelhurst Club in Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Kate Fine called the class to order leading 448b. Jabbara Edwards offered the opening prayer. Kate Fine offered a land acknowledgement to recognize the Indigenous Peoples who have tended these lands since time immemorial.

In a business meeting, the following officers were approved: Chairperson—Kate Fine; Treasurer—Dorothy Mitchell; Secretary—Tamara Wallace.

Leaders: Tamara Wallace 31t; Betsy Jeronen 30b; Dorothy Mitchell 162; Chris Noren 377 (for Leah Coffin); Nancy Novotny 224; Jamie Dawson 191; Emma Swartz 410b; Dorothy Robinson 368; Jennifer Jones 522; Steve Cackley 502; Ruth Linehan 163b; Paul Chamberlain 86; Laura McMurray 498; Douglas Hill 426t (for Anya Valsamakis and her mother Marina); Rosie Sokolov 283; Dan Thoma 228; Greg Saue 99.

RECESS

Cornelia Stanton led 441 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 411; Peter Abrahamsen 159; Carrie Walker 312b; Jeff McLeod 32b; Marci Cutler 510; Peter Schinske 166; Kate Coxon 430; Porter Lontz-Underhill 421; Maggie Gammons 178; Thom Fahrback 77t; Kristofer Ilex 89; Anne Huckins 114; Jullia Zaffarano 183; Ben Brown 142; Deb Koch 147t; Ian Suchon 296; Nell Whitman 324; Kevin Barrans 196.

RECESS

Peter Schinske called the class back to order by leading 105. Leaders: Jenna Tompkins 426b; Karen Willard 193; David Wright 447; Wren Hyde 278t (in memory of her aunt, Gilsa Alves); Andy Ditzler 372; Pat Coghlan 218; Irene Gilb 383; Bob Schinske 326; Kathy Manning 280; David Brodeur 538; Pippa Stoddard 392; Dorothy Mitchell 68b; Claire Hogan 445; Mitchell Gustin 507; Nadia Bolz-Weber 203. Jabbara Edwards led the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Kristofer Ilex called the class back together leading 30t. Leaders: Rachel Speer 187; Linda Selph 564 (in memory of Susan Fetcho); Gillian Inksetter 217; Stephanie Fida 309; John Wiens 274t; Kathy Manning 380; Porter Lontz-Underhill 300; Rosie Sokolov 500; David Brodeur 556; Irene Gilb 143; Dan Thoma 326; Julia Zaffarano 315; Pippa Stoddard 134; Wren Hyde 227; Kevin Barrans 495; Maggie Gammons 85; Claire Hogan 79; Jeff McLeod 229; Peter Schinske 276; Nadia Bolz-Weber 277; Mitchell Gustin 473.

RECESS

Stephanie Fida and Marie Brandis called the class back together leading 29t. Leaders: Chris Noren 254 (for Ivy Hauser, in honor of her wedding); Dolan Dolan-Wolfe 108b; David Wright 416; Kristofer Ilex 345b; Andy Ditzler 292; Anne Huckins 501; Karen Willard 294; Will Jevne 410t; Bob Schinske 349; Ben Brown 268; Deb Koch 81t; Paul Chamberlain 192; Mischa Skeeter 448t; Greg Saue 523; Jenna Tompkins 532; Laura McMurray 435; Carolyn Deacy and Michael Rice 112. Kate Fine closed the session by leading 330b. Jabbara Edwards offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 20

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention was brought to order by Kate Fine leading 171. Mischa Skeeter offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Thom Fahrback 39t; Dorothy Mitchell 474; Ruth Linehan 225t; Tamara Wallace 354t; Mischa Skeeter 159; Betsy Jeronen 440; Jamie Dawson 504; Joseph Coghlan and Pat Coghlan 501; Carrie Walker 76b; Chris Noren 454 (in memory of Ruth Steggle); Andy Ditzler 403; Pippa Stoddard 123t; Greg Saue 535; Laura McMurray 499; Porter Lontz-Underhill 536; Steve Cackley 546.

RECESS

Kevin Barrans brought the class back to order leading 317. Leaders: Jennifer Jones and Lucy Stirling 527; John Wiens 288; Pat Coghlan 550; Kathy Manning 543; Gillian Inksetter 327; Maggie Gammons 82t; Kate Coxon 340; Emma Swartz 216; Rachel Speer 353; Dan Thoma 128; David Brodeur 250; Deb Koch 313b; Nancy Novotny 302; Will Jevne 268; Karen Willard 532 (for Darlene Simpson-Brown); Nadia Bolz-Weber 384; Peter Abrahamsen 335.

RECESS

Peter Schinske brought the class back together leading 37t. Leaders: Marie Brandis 212; Kristofer Ilex 74b; Jenna Tomkins 183; Linda Selph 534; Nell Whitman 99; Ian Suchon 417; Wing Mui 155.

Betsy Jeronen spoke for the following sick and housebound: Darlene Simpson-Brown, Kate Fortin, Kim Lusk, Linda Berkemeier, Kelsey Taylor, Cornelia Vandendoel, Mark Wiens, Marcia Hadley, and Pleasance Crawford. Betsy reminded us of what we can do to continue to support them, while keeping them in our thoughts—noting that these don't have to be new things—these are the same things we have always done: cards, notes, texts, casseroles.

Carrie Walker then led the memorial lesson for the following deceased: Reed Schilbach, Susan Fetcho, Ruth Anne Bryant, Rosaland Gabbard, Jeffrey Benton, John Van Duzer, Alfred Sausotte, Jeff Begley, Eva Striebeck, Phoenix McKay Phippen, Marcia Klenbor, Dan Brittain, Richard Mauldin, Tommie Spurlock, Dan L. Burk, Martha Ann Stegar, and Earl Ballinger. Carrie spoke of the death of her father and the emotions that come with that, noting that we have time for ALL of the feelings associated with the loss and grief over our loved ones. Betsy and Carrie together led 176t.

Leaders: David Wright 347; Dorothy Robinson 400; Bob Schinske 475.

LUNCH

The class was brought to order by Carolyn Deacy leading 421. Leaders: Irene Gilb 299; Peter Schinske 548; Julia Zaffarano 106; Mitchell Gustin 189; Stephanie Fida 275t; Paul Chamberlain 84; Wren Hyde 458; Jeff McLeod 319; Kevin Barrans 566; Marla Elliott 236; Rosie Sokolov 337; Andy Ditzler 198; Matthew Porter 503; John Wiens 383; Hazel Briar and her daughter, Alice Briar 47b; David Brodeur 436; Pippa Stoddard 512; Kathy Manning and Lucy Stirling 320; Peter Lontz-Underhill 549 (in memory of his father, Phil).

RECESS

Nancy Novotny brought the class back to order by leading 39b. Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 230; Rachel Speer 411; Dolan Dolan-Wolf 58; Marie Brandis 168; Nadia Bolz-Weber 146; Peter Freeman 312b; Jenna Tompkins 34t; Bob Schinske 68b; Linda Selph 215; Douglas Hill 497; David Wright 318; Steve Tarr 102 (in memory of Reed Schilbach); Wren Hyde 542; Mitchell Gustin 27; Kristofer Ilex 73t; Irene Gilb 455; Julia Zaffarano 442; Jeff McLeod 290; Deb Koch 111b; Dan Thoma 201.

Kate Fine re-opened the business meeting. The Treasurer reported that contributions had exceeded our expenses. The Secretary reported we had one hundred thirty-four registered singers from thirteen states and two provinces of Canada, as well as one hundred eighty-four songs sung, and sixty-five leaders. The Resolutions Committee (Rosie Sokolov and Grace Neuber) thanked everyone who contributed to a successful convention and resolved to meet again next year. The business meeting was closed, and announcements of future singings were shared. Kate Fine led 367 as the closing song. Mischa Skeeter offered the closing, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Kate Fine; Secretary—Tamara Wallace

REID MEMORIAL Jefferson County, Alabama Sunday, October 20, 2024

The 105th session of the Reid Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Old County Line Church on the third Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Danny Creel leading 30t. Jeff James offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Danny Creel 503; Ken Tate 167, 335; Jackie Tanner 89, 101t; Jeff James 315, 547; Tom Booth 37b, 34b; Judy Chambless 29t, 63; Butch White 480, 344 (in

memory of Martha Moody); Molly V Souder 209, 569b; Judy Caudle 121, 120; Cecil Roberts 399b, 229.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Danny Creel leading 222. Leaders: Lisa Geist 472 (for David and Darvi Jackson), 269 (for Leon Ballinger); Mike Hankins 527, 477; Karen Rollins 225t, 227; Ginny Landgraf 224, 504; Elene Stovall and Nicholas Thompson 316; Elene Stovall 302; David Ivey 285b, 399t; Louise Yeager 426b, 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Philip Gilmore 216, 272; Linda Booth 273, 166; Winfred Kerr 549, 36b; James George 300.

RECESS

Ken Tate led 57 to bring the class together. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 551, 140 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Samuel Williams 502, 501; Stefani Priskos 448b, 448t; Robert Chambless 494, 75; Loretta Whitman 454, 61 (in memory of Juanita Beasley); Emily Eddins 115, 406; Bridge Hill Kennedy 32b, 168; Roma Rice 323b, 92. Jeff James asked for a blessing at the tables.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ken Tate leading 378t. Leaders: Tom George 200, 286; Henry McGuire 94, 220; Hollie Long 384, 111t; Edith Eddins 56t, 426t; Jamey Wooten 58, 377; Emily Stutzman 339 (in memory of Philip Denney), 512 (in memory of Jerry Kitchens); Stanley Smith 530, 498; Ann Jett 327, 172; Barret Patton 475, 105; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen 170 (in memory of Bud Oliver), 411; Sarah George 95, 447; Tim Gregg 79, 522; Chris Ballinger 177, 111b; Joyce Forry 354b, 282; Nathan Rees 187, 449; Ainslie Allen 460 (for Lucy Heidorn), 192 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon); David Heidorn 146, 345b; Brenda Chafin 542, 203 (for Wanda Capps); Amber Davis 142, 391; Cindy Tanner 155 (for Lucy Heidorn), 208 (in memory of Darrell Swarens); Nicholas Thompson 138t, 304 (for Lucy Heidorn and in memory of Marie Aldridge); Cassie Allen 434 (in memory of Kathleen Robbins), 441 (for Keith Talbert). Announcements were made. Danny Creel and Ken Tate led 106 as the closing song. Ken Tate offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Lucy Heidorn; Secretary pro-tempore—Ainslie Allen

DAVID RUST MEMORIAL SINGING **First Christian Church, Bloomington, Indiana** **Saturday, October 26, 2024**

The annual Rust Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at First Christian Church of Bloomington. The class was called to order by Thomas Koehnline leading 122. Sarah Lynne Gershon offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Randy Webber 504; Alice Bean 117; Tom Morton 49b; Keith Seidel 492; Lori Graber 155; Erik Schwab 298; Sadhbh O'Flynn 228; Eric Morgan 300; Jonathon Smith 419; Leesa Eason 162; Adrian Eldridge 209; Carolyn Craig 567; Joshua Joy 326; Ray Rechenberg 277; Matthias Murphy 85; Andy Ditzler 186; Rich Overturf 373; David Brodeur 368; Beth Garfinkel 140b (ShH); Rob Tibbs 116; Will Fitzgerald 210; Tim Morton 365.

RECESS

Leaders: Enoch Hollandbeck 245; Sarah Lynne Gershon 191 (ShH); Bill McNiece 27 (ShH); Thomas Smith 101 (ShH); Andrew Shaffer 66 (ShH); Samantha Foster 282; Samuel Sommers 281 (ShH); Barbara Lehr 178; Thomas Koehnline 338; Shannon Tibbs 288t (ShH); Taylor Hand 47b; Alice Bean 418t (ShH); Keith Seidel 102; Randy Webber 5t (ShH); Lori Graber 37b; Erik Schwab 52 (ShH).

RECESS

Leaders: Aaron Jones 22b (ShH); Jonathon Smith 131b; Tom Morton 313b; Sadhbh O'Flynn 260t (ShH); Leesa Eason 146; Eric Morgan 89; Adrian Eldridge 434; Carolyn Craig 287; Joshua Joy 39t; Ray Rechenberg 260b (ShH); Thomas Koehline 335. Sarah Lynne Gershon offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Thomas Koehline leading 285t. Leaders: Tim Morton 424; Marlen Rust 59; Sarah Lynne Gershon 58; Dan Miller and students from Elnora Bible Institute 68b, 45t; Rich Overturf 100; Andy Ditzler 107 (ShH); Bill McNiece 547; Matthias Murphy 236; David Brodeur 114 (ShH); Rob Tibbs 339; Aaron Jones 49 (ShH).

Shannon Tibbs read the names from the sick and shut-ins list and led 61. Adrian Eldridge read the names from the deceased list, led 111b, and offered a prayer.

Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 170 (ShH); Enoch Hollandbeck 268; Sadhbh O'Flynn 242; Thomas Smith 77t; Andrew Shaffer 105 (ShH).

RECESS

Leaders: Shannon Tibbs 312b; Beth Garfinkel 254; Samuel Sommers 284 (ShH); Samantha Foster 455; Charles Prestinari 327; Barbara Lehr 288.

Thomas Koehline made final remarks and welcomed announcements, then led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Sarah Lynne Gershon offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Thomas Koehline; Secretary—Samantha Foster

FASOLA OMAHA NEBRASKA SINGING

Omaha, Nebraska

Saturday, October 26, 2024

The 24th session of the Fasola Omaha Nebraska State All-Day Singing began at Trinity North Lutheran Church on the fourth Saturday in October with Steve Schmidgall leading 24b. Sharla Hulsey offered the invocation.

Leaders: Jenni Wallace 31t; Sue Pearson 143; Shara Hulsey 198; Tim Gregg 60; Paul Wyatt 569b; Alice Love 86; John Schley 503; Mike Mullin 274t; Evelyn Lamb 160b; Jenny Solheim 270; Jim Solheim 192; Shawn Taylor 42; Jon Gathje 47t; Shana Wenger 400; Steve Schmidgall 333; Jenni Wallace 40.

RECESS

Sue Pearson called the class back together by leading 344 and 384. Sue was followed by four composers leading their own compositions: Shawn Taylor "Cascade Springs"; Shana Wenger "Revontulet"; Jim Solheim "Joyce"; Jenny Solheim "Moonlight".

Leaders: Sharla Hulsey 84, 35; Tim Gregg 91, 90; Paul Wyatt 144, 153; Alice Love 551; John Schley 178; Mike Mullin 163b, 534; Evelyn Lamb 275b, 446. Sharla Hulsey led 49t as a blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Jim Solheim called the class back to order by leading 64 and 299. Leaders: Jenny Solheim 112, 532; Shawn Taylor 475, 217; Shana Wenger 312b, 455; Steve Schmidgall 120, 108t; Jenni Wallace 228, 415; Sue Pearson 63, 472; Sharla Hulsey 338, 223; Tim Gregg 375, 426b; Paul Wyatt 464, 285t; Kathy Wood 448b; Alice Love 45t, 106.

RECESS

Jenni Wallace called the class back together leading 36b. Sharla Hulsey offered a moving memorial lesson and read the list of names of the deceased: Charles Scudder, Barbara Scudder, Miram Seaver, Sam Butler, Bill Lang, Tom Rinken—Nebraska; Mary Ellen Wilkinson, and P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; John Van Duzer—Colorado; Frank Fraembs—Illinois; Jeff Begley, and Susan Fetcho—California; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Chloe Webb—Texas; Mikey Lemm, Christina Quick, Zeb Robertson, Bill Craven—Missouri; Frank Baldwin, and Delores Baldwin—Kansas;

Phil Lesh; Earl Ballinger—Alabama; Harlan Stoehr, and Samia Amare Al-Ahad—Minnesota. Sharla led 72b.

Sharla spoke for the sick and shut-ins, and read a list of their names as follows: Frances Hall, Don Baade, Lorraine Duggin, Aura Lee Furgason, Bill Hulsey, Donna Gunderson, Jeff Bell, and Sidney Smith. She offered prayer, and led 122.

Leaders: John Schley 313b; Mike Mullin 268; Evelyn Lamb 128; Jim Solheim 155; Jenny Solheim 65; Shawn Taylor 540; Shana Wenger 146; Steve Schmidgall 156.

After announcements and the closing prayer from Sharla Hulsey, the singing concluded with Omaha's traditional closing song on page 414.

Chairman—James Solheim; Secretary—Justin Solheim

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SACRED HARP SINGING FALL SESSION

West Fork Library Hall, West Fork, Arkansas

Saturday, October 26, 2024

The Northwest Arkansas Sacred Harp Singing, Fall Session was held at West Fork Library Hall, West Fork, Arkansas, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Allison Langston called the class to order leading 39t, followed by prayer offered by Bill Caldwell. Allison welcomed the class, and then led 171.

Leaders: McKenna Mullis 76b, 68b; Bill Caldwell 350, 189; Syd Caldwell 480, 137; Beth Janes 503, 86; Chris Nicholson and Charity Vaughn 212, 81t; Cory Winters 159, 112; Tammy Heinsohn 155, 178; Allison Langston 85 (for Mona Vice), 268 (for Holly Childs).

RECESS

Allison Langston called the class back leading 47t. Leaders: Allison Langston 180 (MH); McKenna Mullis 62, 547; Ellen Ray 272, 416t (CB); Bill Caldwell 13 (MH), 138 (MH); Syd Caldwell 160 (MH), 156 (CB).

For the memorial lesson, Allison Langston read a message from Stanley Smith. Bill Caldwell read the list of the sick and shut-ins and led 448b. Bill then read the list of the deceased and led 89 (MH). Bill closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Allison Langston 146, 294 (for Alexis Walker); Beth Janes 472, 51 (CB); Chris Nicholson 293b (CB); Cory Winters 479, 236; Tammy Heinsohn 504; Allison Langston and Cory Winters 164 (MH).

LUNCH

Allison Langston brought the class back together leading 32t. Leaders: Allison Langston 300; McKenna Mullis 217, 353; Ellen Ray 515 (CB), 511t (CB); Bill Caldwell 142, 240; Syd Caldwell 505 (CB), 143; Beth Janes 203, 288; Chris Nicholson and Charity Vaughn 468 (CB), 514 (CB); Cory Winters 277, 254; Tammy Heinsohn 59 (CB), 455.

RECESS

Allison Langston led 82t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Allison Langston 284; Cory Winters and the kitchen ladies 463 (CB); Lee Creek Original Composition; McKenna Mullis 133 (CB); McKenna Mullis and Syd Caldwell 268b (CB); Ellen Ray 482 (CB), 98 (CB); Bill Caldwell 49t, 49b; Syd Caldwell 138t (CB); Beth Janes 335; Chris Nicholson 422t (CB); Tammy Heinsohn 451 (CB).

Announcements were made.

Allison Langston led 348b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Bill Caldwell.

Chairperson—Allison Langston; Vice Chairperson—McKenna Mullis

PUTNAM, LIGHT, AND KING MEMORIAL

Mt. Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama

Saturday, October 26, 2024

The annual Putnam, Light, and King Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. David Light welcomed the class and led 30t. Robert Walker offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Light 112; Judy Caudle 82t, 76t; Nicholas Thompson 97 (in memory of Herschel King and Earl Ballinger), 80b (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Robert Walker 350; Craig Holmes 39b, 36b; Theresa Westmoreland 43 (in memory of Richard Mauldin and Josie Hyde), 276 (in memory of Hubert Nall and for Margaret Keeton); Linda Booth 110 (for Darrell and Ernestine Parker), 166 (for Julia Poston); Bridge Hill Kennedy 68b, 37b (in memory of Malik Williams); Isabel Brozen 32b, 117; Robert Walker 480.

RECESS

David Light called the class back together by leading 274t (in memory of Marcus Light). Leaders: Lisa Geist 273, 528; Butch White 535, 313b; Beth Branscome 277, 201; Peter Dobson 203, 33b; Amber Davis 187, 436 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon); Daniel Hopper 204, 479; Abigayle Cheney 457, 542; Nicole Scott 131t, 137. Elder Daniel Hopper asked for a blessing at the tables before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 217. Leaders: Abigail Cannon 317, 336; Tom Booth 123t, 475; Blake Sisemore 373, 411; Larry Ballinger 133, 224; Robert Walker 171; Nicole Scott 192, 202; Bridge Hill Kennedy 89; Lisa Geist 228; Abigail Cannon 318; Blake Sisemore 548; Beth Branscome 208; Judy Caudle 344 (by request); David Light 200. Announcements were made.

David Light led 46 as the closing song. Butch White offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING

Holy Trinity Parish, Atlanta, Georgia

Saturday, October 26, 2024

The 46th annual Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Malinda Snow leading 131b. Malina offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Judy Mincey 178, 549; Amy Wells 155, 112; Karen Morris 159, 299; Susan Posey 84, 475; Kelly Morris 503, 114; Debora Grosse 171, 99; Caran Bramlette 480, 143; Jerusha Wheeler 191, 481; Bill DuPre 65, 37b (in remembrance of Malik Williams).

RECESS

Malinda Snow led 76t to bring the class together, followed by a business session. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretaries—Jerusha Wheeler and Laura Akerman. Debora Grosse served as the Arranging Committee.

The memorial lesson was led by Judy Mincey, speaking in remembrance of the following deceased: Tommie Spurlock and Malik Williams—Alabama; Elizabeth Carroll—Georgia; Bob Goodman—California; Martha Ann Stegar—Virginia. Also recognized were those sick and/or homebound including Henry Johnson, Jack Nelson, Jesse Roberts, and Don Bowen. Judy led 50b for all, and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Lauren Bock 209 (in memory of Malik Williams), 168; Jesse P. Karlsberg 145b (in memory of Bob Goodman), 63 (in memory of Martha Ann Stegar); Laura

Akerman 73t, 338; John Whittimore 34t, 40; Anders Wells 274t, 76b; John Plunkett 74b, 83t; Henry Slack 181, 300.

LUNCH

Jerusha Wheeler began the afternoon session by leading 49t. Leaders: Malinda Snow 472; Judy Mincey 468; Amy Wells 440; Karen Morris 430; Kelly Morris 47b; Kato Shelledy 45t; Laura Akerman 240; Caran Bramlette 324, 318; Henry Slack 535, 254; Jerusha Wheeler 195; Sasha Hsuczyk 69b, 216; Bill DuPre 569b; Lauren Bock 556; John Plunkett 145t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 410t; John Whittimore 268; Debora Grosse 236.

After some reminiscing from those who were at the first Feed and Seed Singing, it was noted that Charlene Wallace used to always attend and lead 224, which was led in memory of her by Kelly Morris.

Leaders: Henry Slack 215; Dowman Wilson 59; Laura Akerman 455 (requested by Dan Hovsepian via email); Sasha Hsuczyk 148 (as requested by Joan Durdin); Caran Bramlette and Karen Morris 454; Malinda Snow 344.

After announcements, Malinda Snow led 569t as the closing song. She offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Malinda Snow; Vice Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretaries—Jerusha Wheeler and Laura Akerman

LONDON SACRED HARP SINGING

London, United Kingdom

October 26-27, 2024

Saturday, October 26

The first day of the 16th annual London Double All-Day Singing met at Highgate United Reformed Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Paul Zaba leading 569b. Mary Hodgkins offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Stacy Hackner 29t; Jo-anne Carlyle 87; Ted Simonds 47t; Fiona Byrne 73b; Kostas Mavreas 168; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 384, for Sheila Macadam; Morgan Kist 68b; Elinor Kirchwey 31t; Will Spendlove 445; Christina Zaba 268; Chris Coombs 276; Greg Carson 178; Sara Hellström 91; John Hutchinson 122; Werner Ullah 457; Jan Lawrence 171; Harry Byford 86; Paul Zaba 133.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Robin Bisson leading 312b. Leaders: Clara Potter-Sweet 28t; Kevin Green and Joe Jones 277; Emily Dzuganova and James Roche 270; Wolfie Wright and Steve Brett 38b; Teresa Maguire 77t; Rowan Simms 173; Erin Johnson-Williams 340; Iain Paxon 441; Cath Saunt 217; Ted Brown 546; Catherine Van Duzer 481; Al Williams 67; William Cleary 274t; Constance Des Marais 315.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Hodgkins. She read the following names on the sick and housebound list: Sheila Girling-Macadam, Edwin Macadam, Rob Manners, Werner Kist, Cäcilia Mann, Elizabeth Roche, Helen Bushell, and Isobel Stokes.

She also read the following list of names of the deceased: Emily Webster, Cambridge, UK; Dawn Jeffries, London, UK; Zareer Masani, London, UK; Peter Polish, Carmarthen, Wales; Dinos Nearchous, London, UK; Peter Child, London, UK; Lala Hancock, London, UK; Sophie Malkowski, Manchester, UK; Uschi Nolte, Germany; Keith Scott, Topsham; Ben Walsh, London; Raymi Wilka Saldana Rojas, London; Frank Carson; Ram Ramamurthy, London; Phillip Reeves—Georgia, USA; Susan Fetcho, Dan Burk, Jeff Begley—California, USA; John Van Duzer, Alfred Sausstotte, Laverne Lewis—Colorado, USA; Richard Mauldin, Malik Williams—Alabama, USA; Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Chloe Webb—Texas, USA. She then led 278t.

Leaders: Joe Jones 425 (in memory of P. Dan Brittain); Marjorie Brown 472; Derek Buckland 348t; George Harvey 159; Arthur Swindells 318. Grace was said by Ted Simmonds.

LUNCH

Pete Eiseman-Renyard called the class to order leading 40. Leaders: Claire Welford 282; Sebastian May 444; Dick Patterson 547; Johannes Sauer 280; Kate Kirwan 397; Seth Dickens 245; Helen Brown 436; Matthew Parkinson 322; Ed Johnson-Williams 189; Caro Stamm-Reusch 309; Rachel Jordan 182; Michael Walker 306; Barb Patterson 454; Steve Brett 498; Judy Van Duzer 312b; Joshua Lant 423; Karen Turner 198; Barry Parsons 438; Hyke Sakaras 551; Richard Mayers 263; Mandy Rose 440; Francis Gaskin 567; Susanne Rolli 319.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Mary Hodgkins leading 344. Leaders: David Garman 51; Nick Hall 213b; Bridget Walker 410t; Sebastian Borckenhagen 114; Jessica Beer 216; Joyce Smith 207; Peter Douglas Banks 223; Katya Hills 162; James Roche 474; Robin Bisson 287; Caro Stamm-Reusch 531; Michael Walker 144; Karen Turner 121; Judy Van Duzer, Catherine Van Duzer 354t; Ted Brown, Helen Brown 187; Barb Patterson, Dick Patterson 399t; Rachel Jordan, Nick Hall 475.

Notices were announced. There were ninety-eight registered singers from nine countries, including three US States. Seventy-two leaders directed eighty-three songs.

Paul Zaba led 69t as the closing song. Teresa Maguire offered the closing prayer.

Sunday, October 27

The second day of the 16th annual London Double All-Day was held in the afternoon of the fourth Sunday in October at Highgate Reformed Church, London, UK. The class sang from the 2012 Edition of the *Christian Harmony*.

The class was called to order by Paul Zaba leading 432b (CH). Leaders: Stacy Hackner 286 (CH); Jo-anne Carlyle 105b (CH); Scarlett Lassoff 171b (CH); Pete Eiseman-Renyard 143 (CH); Jan Lawrence 58t (CH); Rowan Simms 163t (CH); Susanne Rolli 59t (CH); Werner Ullah 455b (CH); Fiona Byrne 204t (CH); Barry Parsons, 531 (CH); Brenda Bowley 69t (CH); Johannes Sauer 216t (CH); Claire Welford 146b (CH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 26b (CH); Joyce Smith 29 (CH); Ted Simonds 365 (CH); Hannah Land 54 (CH); Derek Buckland 206 (CH); Arthur Swindells 84 (CH); Joshua Lant 380 (CH); Erin Johnson-Williams 307 (CH).

LUNCH

Constance Des Marais called the class to order leading 262 (CH). Leaders: Joe Vickers 449 (CH); Iain Paxon 184 (CH); Nigel Bowley 40t (CH); Al Williams 85 (CH); Richard Mayers 172 (CH); Nick Hall 82b (CH); Tom Sprackland 332 (CH); James Roche 417b (CH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 205 (CH); Michael Walker 492b (CH); Matthew Parkinson 316 (CH); Steve Brett 258 (CH); William Cleary 544 (CH); Teresa Maguire 1 (CH); Catherine Van Duzer 539 (CH); David Garman 264 (CH); Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 289 (CH); Greg Carson 346 (CH) (for his mother); Sara Hellström 64 (CH); Joss Tait 339 (CH) (for Amy Kutz); Hannah Land 81t (CH).

RECESS

Nigel Bowley called the class to order leading 342 (CH). Leaders: Joyce Smith 244t (CH); Derek Buckland 16 (CH); Claire Welford 67t (CH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 167t (CH); Tom Sprackland 546b (CH); James Roche 50 (CH); Matthew Parkinson 179 (CH); Clara Potter-Sweet 139b (CH); William Cleary 490 (CH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 548 (CH); Steve Brett 276 (CH); Richard Mayers 13 (CH); Michael Walker and Brenda Bowley 79 (CH); Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 285 (CH). There were sixty-six registered singers and forty-three leaders. Singers were from six countries.

Paul Zaba led 203 (CH) as the closing song.

Chairman—Paul Zaba; Vice Chairperson—Stacy Hackner; Secretary—Jo-anne Carlyle

DALLAS SACRED HARP SINGING
Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas
Saturday, November 2, 2024

The Dallas Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at the Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Ivy Hauser-Hall leading 47t. She welcomed everyone and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tristan Gordon 178, 33b; Stina Sodering 56t, 171; Diane Ross 133, 300; Donna McKay 50b, 49b; Michael McBride 479, 230; Sonia Chin 573, 73t; Beverly Coates 55, 277; Ainsley Ross 189, 503; Jerry Ryan 274t, 145t; David Ivey 184, 210; Brooke Robb 32t, 270; Garrett Powell 30b, 77t.

RECESS

Ainsley Ross brought the class back together leading 103. Leaders: Kristie Powell 203, 39t; Findley Ross 276, 185; Larkin Ross 40, 146; Ryan Lewis 122, 196; Owen Ross 538, 565; Gaylon Powell 528, 149; Leland Ross and Ainsley Ross 299, 319.

The memorial and sick and shut-in lesson was conducted by Owen Ross. Gaylon Powell led 45t for the sick and shut-ins. Owen Ross, after a brief devotional, led 285t in memory of the deceased. He closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Tom Owen 481, 500; Barbara Smith 323b, 504; Ryan Ross 168, 385b; Tammy Powell 472, 454; Rick Foreman 539, 475; Donald Ross 111b, 225t. Rick Foreman led the blessing for the mid-day meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tristan Gordon leading 82b. Leaders: Ryan Lewis 347; Beverly Coates 107; Owen Ross 198; Kristie Powell 430; Donna McKay 86; Donald Ross 183; David Ivey 69b; Avon Miller 527; Sonia Chin 318; Gaylon Powell 240 (for Kevin Powell); Tom Owen 491; Ivy Hauser-Hill 349; Salomon Bautista 63; Diane Ross 480; Ryan Ross 120. Announcements were made.

Leaders: Stina Sodering 58; Jerry Ryan 111t; Brooke Robb 228; Michael McBride 201; Tammy Powell 163b (for Vivian Rogan); Barbara Smith 551; Rick Foreman 182; Tom Owen 532; Kristie Powell 142; Tristan Gordon 268; Gaylon Powell 448t; Beverly Coates 432. Ivy Hauser-Hill thanked all for coming and the closing prayer was led by Rick Foreman.

Chairperson—Ivy Hauser-Hill; Vice Chairman—Tristan Gordon; Secretaries—Diane Ross and Stina Sodering

DENNEY MEMORIAL
Emmuas Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia
Saturday, November 2, 2024

The annual Denney Memorial was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Wyatt Denney leading 284. Robert Chambless offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Wyatt Denney 61; Karis Askin 47t, 48t; Lee Denney 294, 155; Kacy Cook 68b, 59; Denney Rogers 345t, 143; Karen Rollins 489, 171; Winfred Kerr 36b, 225t; Mathias Ghesquiere 27, 122; Erin Fulton 123b, 60; Jeannette Depoy 387, 475; Robert Chambless 84, 303.

RECESS

Wyatt Denney brought the class back to order leading 77t. The class entered into a business session and elected the following officers: Chairman—Wyatt Denney; Co-Chairman—Karis Askin; Arranging Officer—Judy Chambless; Secretary—Laura

Frey. Leaders: Bill Dupre 426t, 65; Mamie Sisemore 37b; Erica Hinton 492; Lisa Bennett 163b (in memory of John Smead), 208; Glenda Collins 99, 76b; Andy Ditzler 81b, 322; Cecil Roberts 312b, 30t; Tom George and James George 186, 379. Denney Rogers led the memorial lesson, reflecting on the blessings of being raised in a large family in the south. He spoke of the close personal losses he has faced recently and the significance of preserving the legacies of those who have passed. Denney emphasized that while not everyone may have large families nearby, the Sacred Harp Community provides that sense of belonging and family connection with each other. He highlighted that even though we may not be related by blood, our shared passion for singing Sacred Harp unites us as a family, and we cherish one another with love. He read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Jack Nelson, Don Bowen, Karleen Williams, Joyce Walton, Henry Lihnsee, Chris Shepherd, Betty Shepherd, Melissa Howrey, Brenda Waters, Tom Waggener, Bill Denney. He then read the following names of the deceased: John Smead, Beverly Rollins Thompson, William Futral, Tommie Spurlock, Henry Guthery, Earl Ballinger, Curtis Cook, William Ralph Paris, Malik Williams, Dan Brittain, Susan Morgan, Merle Denney, Bob Goodman, Jean Toole. Denney read the following scripture from Philippians 3:20 “In heaven we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” and led 119 in remembrance of those listed above. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Shawn Taylor led 306 and 409. Keith Horsely asked for a blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Karis Askin brought the afternoon class back to order by leading 106. Leaders: David Brodeur 120 (in memory of Philip Denney); Anna Hinton 430; Judy Mincey 295; Lauren Bock and Lucey Karlsberg 274t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 103; Nathan Rees 181; David Smead 436; Burt Collins 542; Sasha Hsuczyk 521 (in memory of Philip Denney); Matt Hinton 224; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 299; Sarah George 298; Blake Sisemore 138b; Pam Nunn 216; Laura Frey 178 (in memory of Rudy Webb); Abigail Cannon 500; Sheri Taylor 209; Reba Windom 384; Jesse P. Karlsberg 371; Karis Askin, Kacey Cook, Gail Denney, Lee Denney, Wyatt Denney, and Kelly Denney 87; Erin Fulton 329; Mathias Ghesquiere 282. Announcements were made.

Wyatt Denney and Karis Askin expressed their gratitude to everyone for their attendance and continued support. They then led 294 as the closing hymn. The class concluded with a prayer offered by Lee Denney.

Chairman—Wyatt Denney; Co-Chairman—Karis Askin; Secretary—Laura Frey

HYDE PARK SINGING

Quaker House, Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, November 2, 2024

The 26th Hyde Park All-Day Singing was held at Quaker House/57th Street Meeting of Friends, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. Jerry Gripshover called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. leading 34b. Susan Geil offered the opening prayer. The two books used for this singing were *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, and the *Missouri Harmony* (MH).

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 33b; Leslie Alperin 49t; Randy Neufeld 29t; Steve Warner 171; Eileen Ferguson 178; Jim Helke 113 (MH); Brady Santoro 412; Erik Schwab 299; Anne Heider 189; Susan Geil 474.

A business meeting was held to elect or appoint the following officers: Chairman—Ginny Landgraf; Vice Chairman—Eileen Ferguson; Secretary—Mary Rogel; Finance—Jim Helke; Chaplains—Susan Geil, Rochelle Lodder.

Ginny Landgraf brought the class back leading 186. Leaders: Jim Swanson 148 (MH); Mary Rogel 39 (MH); JoDell Albi 196; Alec Collins 426t; Rochelle Lodder 62 (MH); Terry Cunningham 145t; Jerry Gripshover 6 (MH).

RECESS

Randy Neufeld called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Leslie Alperin 556; Steve Warner 47b; Molly Whedbee 48t; Alvaro Witt Duarte 99; Eileen Ferguson 344; Jim Helke 142 (MH); Brady Santoro 165; Erik Schwab 148; Anne Heider 528; Susan Geil 52t; Ginny Landgraf 135 (MH); Jim Swanson 70 (MH); Mary Rogel 122 (MH); JoDell Albi 75 (MH); Alec Collins 348b; Rochelle Lodder 472; Terry Cunningham 151 (MH).

RECESS

Jerry Gripshover brought the class back together leading 39t. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 155; Steve Warner 547; Leslie Alperin 198; Molly Whedbee 65; Alvaro Witt Duarte 3 (MH); Eileen Ferguson 180 (MH); Jim Helke 35 (MH). Ginny Landgraf led 164 (MH) as the prayer before dinner.

LUNCH

Jim Swanson called the class to order leading 274t. Leaders: Erik Schwab 430; Anne Heider 131 (MH); Susan Geil 177 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 175 (MH); Mary Rogel and Jim Swanson 121 (MH); JoDell Albi 84 (MH); Alec Collins 112; Rochelle Lodder 313t; Terry Cunningham 192; Jerry Gripshover 89 (MH); Randy Neufeld 496; Steve Warner 81t; Jim Helke 180; Leslie Alperin 320; Alec Collins 76b.

RECESS

Mary Rogel brought the class back together leading 228. Leaders: Molly Whedbee 77t; Erik Schwab 278t; Brady Santoro 535; Anne Heider 454; Eileen Ferguson 51 (MH); Susan Geil 127 (MH); JoDell Albi 195 (MH); Erik Schwab 432; Terry Cunningham 84; Leslie Alperin 86; Randy Neufeld 236; Brady Santoro 571; Jerry Gripshover 46; Jim Helke 20 (MH); Jim Swanson 144 (MH); Mary Rogel 534; Steve Warner 475; Erik Schwab 147t; Leslie Alperin 497; Anne Heider 455; Terry Cunningham 146; JoDell Ali 385t. Ginny Landgraf called for announcements and reports from the Finance Committee and the Secretary.

Ginny Landgraf led 347 as the closing song, and Rochelle Lodder dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Ginny Landgraf; Vice Chairperson—Eileen Ferguson; Secretary—Mary Rogel

JAMES RIVER CONVENTION **St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia** **Saturday, November 2, 2024**

The James River Convention met at St. Giles Church in the Art Gallery in Richmond, Virginia, on the first Saturday in November. The class was called to order by Matt Ference leading 312b. Sandra Polaski offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Matt Ference; Vice Chairman—Adrienne Robertson; Secretary—Jordan Albright; Treasurer—Jordan Albright; Arranging Committee—Richard Vinson and Adrienne Robertson. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Adrienne Robertson 29t; Richard Vinson 40; Bridget Camden 70b; Corinne Serfass 101b; Kaleb Delk 340; Emily Altman 328; Sharon Strong 24t; Kathy Kaiser 335; Sandra Polaski 475; Nora Miller 176b; Gabe Simmerson 178; Michael Wiebe 474; Kevin Slaughter 159.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Matt Ference leading 7b (ShH). Leaders: Celia Lechtman 305 (ShH); Tricia Kupec 171 (ShH); Tom Ivey 417 (ShH); Skeet Surrency 326b (ShH); Pat Temple 140b (ShH); Susan Green 363 (ShH); John Alexander 404t (ShH); Kelly Macklin 412 (ShH); John del Re 29 (ShH); Peter Pate

442 (ShH); Richard Green 266 (ShH); Matt Ference 200 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 241t (ShH).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Sadhbh O'Flynn leading 35. Leaders: Richard Vinson 168; Corinne Serfass 379; Elizabeth Betz 354b; Emily Altman 183; Robin Betz 268; Sharon Strong 524; Kaleb Delk 48b; Kathy Kaiser 501; Sandra Polaski 497; Julius Pasay 300; Joseph Vinson 71; Nora Miller 545; Gabe Simmerson 128. Sandra Polaski asked a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with John Alexander leading 438t (ShH). Leaders: Michael Wiebe 287 (ShH); Kevin Slaughter 46 (ShH); Celia Lechtman 80 (ShH); Tom Ivey 254 (ShH); Skeet Surrency 242 (ShH); Susan Green 260b (ShH); Kelly Macklin 294 (ShH); John del Re 285 (ShH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Pat Temple and Sandra Polaski. Pat read the list of names of the deceased. She led 122. Pat Temple read the list of names of the sick and shut-ins. She led 475.

Leaders: Peter Pate 288b (ShH); Richard Vinson 424b (ShH); Matt Ference 147 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 132 (ShH); Sadhbh O'Flynn 403 (ShH); Richard Vinson 125 (ShH).

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Nora Miller leading 323 (ShH). Leaders: Peter Pate 269; John del Re 350 (ShH); Gabe Simmerson 377; Skeet Surrency 472; Richard Vinson 146; Joseph Vinson 170 (ShH); Kaleb Delk 243 (ShH) (for Evan Herr); Sharon Strong 380 (ShH); Sandra Polaski 344; Ari Lindenbaum 260t (ShH); Matt Ference 27 (ShH) (for Jordan Albright); Emily Altman 276t (ShH); Kathy Kaiser 48 (ShH); Sadhbh O'Flynn 15 (ShH); Corinne Serfass 222 (ShH); Matt Ference 105 (ShH) (for Kristen Haff); Julius Pasay 236 (for Francesca Constantino); Celia Lechtman 162; Tom Ivey 129t (ShH); Pat Temple 373; Kelly Macklin 385 (ShH); Nora Miller 364b (ShH). Announcements were made.

Matt Ference led 2 (ShH) as the closing song. Sandra Polaski offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Matt Ference; Vice Chairman—Adrienne Robertson; Secretary—Jordan Albright

VELTON CHAFIN AND OZELLA BLACKMON MEMORIAL SINGING

Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, Dora, Alabama Saturday, November 2, 2024

The annual Memorial Sacred Harp Singing held at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, McCormick, near Dora, Alabama, was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Brenda Chafin leading 56t. The morning prayer was offered by Butch White.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 144; Danny Creel 56b, 155, 217; Tom Booth 511t (CB), 96 (CB), 47t (CB); Linda Booth 464 (CB), 465 (CB), 78 (CB); Roma Rice 46, 99, 425; Larry Ballinger 133, 157, 428.

RECESS

The class was brought to order by Linda Booth leading 111b. Leaders: Butch White 86, 326, 343 (CB); Elene Stovall 426b, 222 (for Janice Caldwell), 172; Louise Yeager 112, 143, 503; Marlin Beasley 318, 336, 61; Cassie Allen 385t, 378b, 417; Ann Jett 518 (CB), 515 (CB), 503 (CB).

LUNCH

Tom Booth began the afternoon session by leading 78. Leaders: Margaret Keeton 422, 403, 432; Lisa Geist 572, 394, 171; Beth Branscome 401, 148, 569t; Amber

Davis 199 (CB), 137 (CB), 133 (CB); Danny Creel 140 (CB); Larry Ballinger 559 (CB); Butch White 508 (CB); Marlin Beasley 448t; Cassie Allen 514 (CB); Ann Jett 411 (CB), 39 (CB); Margaret Keeton 402; Beth Branscome 393 (CB); Amber Davis 38t (CB). Announcements were made.

Brenda Chafin led 338 as the closing song. Butch White dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Linda Booth

HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bremen, Georgia

Sunday, November 3, 2024

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, south of Bremen, Georgia, on the first Sunday in November. Shane Brown called the class to order leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer. Shane Brown welcome the singers and visitors to the singing, and then led 313t.

Leaders: Judy Chambless 37b; Cecil Roberts 153; Robert Chambless 480; Sheri Taylor 438; Scott DePoy 65 (in honor of a friend); Reba Windom 142 (in memory of Philip Denney); Matthias Ghesquiere 178; Tom George 206; Isaac Green 176t (in memory of Rebecca Over); Caroline Barron 398; Winfred Kerr 283; Glenda Collins 282; Judy Mincey 188; Bill DuPre 349; Pam Nunn 110 (in memory of her mother, Shelby Sheppard); Rodney Ivey 528.

RECESS

Shane Brown brought the class back to order leading 159. In a business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman—Shane Brown; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Judy Chambless.

Leaders: Erin Fulton 342; Bert Collins 300; David Brodeur 207; Jane Cannon 527; Jeannette DePoy 328; Karen Rollins 446; Kathy Williams 203; Andy Ditzler 447; Shawn Taylor 177; Jamey Wootten 329; Laura Frey 524 (in memory of her grandmother, Mary Hackney); Nathan Rees 276; Garrett Morton 112; Esther Morgan Ellis 189; John Plunkett 513; Sasha Hsuczyk 345b; Cassie Allen 442; Matt Hinton 176b; Donna Duke 217; Lisa Webb 222; Sarah George 463.

LUNCH

Shane Brown brought the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: Anna Hinton 383; Scott DePoy 201; John Plunkett 150; Reba Windom and Pam Nunn 196; Bill DuPre 569b; Kathy Williams and Rodney Ivey 472; Judy Mincey 151; Shawn Taylor and David Brodeur 250; Anna Hinton and Matt Hinton 212; Cassie Allen and Nathan Rees 440; Sheri Taylor, Laura Frey, and Lisa Webb 236, 358; Matthias Ghesquiere and Andy Ditzler 117; Isaac Green 568; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 294; Erin Fulton and Jane Cannon 67; Sasha Hsuczyk and Esther Morgan Ellis 229; Garrett Morton 340; Winfred Kerr, Judy Chambless, and Robert Chambless 549; Caroline Barron 504; Jamey Wootten 48t; Sarah George 327.

After announcements, Shane Brown and Nathan Rees led 56t. Shane Brown offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Shane Brown; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Judy Chambless

ALL-WISCONSIN SACRED HARP SINGING

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Saturday, November 9, 2024

The All-Wisconsin Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Milwaukee Friends Meetinghouse, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Scott Stieg leading 49t, following a brief

singing school taught by Carol Crawford. Myles Alexander offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Peter Bradley 276; Nancy Parsons 496; Jim Crawford 59; Lori Graber 327; Steve Schmidgall 333; Ginny Landgraf 547; Jim Helke 271t; Ben Bedroske 163b; Eleanor Haase 352; Erik Schwab 228; Eileen Ferguson 504; Sam Tiratto 48t; Shana Wenger 448t; Scott Stieg 89; Myles Alexander 163t; Nancy Parsons 112; John Schley 503.

RECESS

Erik Schwab brought the class back together by leading 32t. Scott Stieg opened the business meeting where Carol Crawford was elected chairman. Leaders: Sarah McRoberts 39t; Matt Wells 348t; Brady Santoro 426t; Mark Bowman 344; Francis Gurtz 186; Randy Neufeld 236; James Page “Burren” (new composition); Lori Graber 464; Ben Bedroske 149; Jim Crawford 472; Lisa Grayson 419; Peter Bradley 444; Steven Schmidgall 473; Judy Hauff 528; Ginny Landgraf 95. Myles Alexander said a blessing for lunch.

LUNCH

Carol Crawford called the afternoon session to order leading 52t. Leaders: Shana Wenger 47b; James Page 272; Brady Santoro 242; Randy Neufeld 29t; John Schley 569t; Matt Wells 500; Myles Alexander 328; Eileen Ferguson 501; Erik Schwab 486; Eleanor Haase 384.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Carol Crawford. Carol led two songs requested by Johanna Fabke. The sick and shut-ins names were Johanna Fabke, Janet Fraembs, Terry Hogg, Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Mary Owen, and Gary Gronau. Carol led 84.

Carol Crawford led 122 in memory of the following deceased: Lori Crawford, Robert Crawford, Jonathan Brosstoff—Wisconsin; Ken Porter—Pennsylvania; Sumara El-Hadid and Ted Lewis—Minnesota; Susan Fetcho and Jeff Begley—California; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Frank Fraembs, Jeff Glenn, Tom DeFries—Illinois; Cousin Suzy—Texas; Mary Kragness—Ohio; Christian Camlin and Becky Browne—Missouri; Maxwell Shillander—South Dakota. Myles Alexander closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Jim Helke 390; Francis Gurtz 340; Mark Bowman 454; Judy Hauff 411; Judy Hauff, Kian Maslanka, and Elias Goschy 146; Scott Stieg 455; Paul Wyatt 189.

RECESS

Carol Crawford called the class to order leading 490. Leaders: Sam Tiratto 179; Lisa Grayson 457; Nancy Parsons 142; Lori Graber 143; Peter Bradley 300; Ben Bedroske 254; John Schley 178; Matt Wells 368; Jim Page 505; Ginny Landgraf 56t; Brady Santoro 567; Randy Neufeld 485; Steve Schmidgall 156; Shana Wenger 312b; Jim Crawford 365; Myles Alexander 538; Eileen Ferguson 479; Erik Schwab 512; Eleanor Haase 492.

Following thanks and announcements, Carol Crawford led 347 as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Myles Alexander dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairperson—Carol Crawford; Secretaries—Carol Crawford and Peter Stieg

BERKSHIRE FOOTHILLS SINGING

First United Methodist Church, Pittsfield, Massachusetts Saturday, November 9, 2024

The annual Berkshire Foothills Sacred Harp Singing was held at the First United Methodist Church, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. Holly Laws called the class to order at 10:04 a.m. by leading 34b. Tim Eriksen offered the opening prayer. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Leaders: Anuhea Sebstad 129; Erin Fulton 42; Sally Langendorf 108t; Becca Hawkins 171; Mark Bedard 131b; Annie Reynolds 76b; George Howe 312b; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 313t; Mary Skidmore 27; John Holbrook 146; Jana Yeaton 95; Tarik Wareh 423; Anna Bowen 318; Joan Nagy 504; Ron Trial, Allison Steel, and Jeremy Galvagni 40 (in honor of Allison's and Jer's birthdays); Kit Walsh 163t; Dan Harvester 455.

RECESS

Peter Irvine returned the class to order by leading 59. Leaders: Will Herron 460; Joanne Fuller 142; Myles Louis Dakan 392; Christopher Kain 467; Michaela Natal 485; Joan Frankel 168; Caitlin Elsaesser 68b; Joel Rosen 313b; Kerry Cullinan 378t; Wendy Sibbison 475; Matthew Leger-Small 367; Larry Bingham 89; Sage Chase-Dempsey 102; George Sigut 122; Ru Perry-Mize 481.

RECESS

Elizabeth Stoddard returned the class to order by leading 144. Leaders: Rick Johnston 66; Jocelyn Kurtze 36b; Micah John Walter 345b; Lael Birch 385b; Pattie Wareh 270.

Will Harron spoke in concern of our absent friends. The sick and shut-ins list included Inez Benichasas, Corrone Bryant, Pat Callahan, Marsha Camp, Dan Coppock, Robert Cullen, Gayle Denney, Amy Frankel, Bobby Goodell, Harriet Hart, David Hawkins, Madelyn Herb, Greta Holbrook, Melissa Howrey Fulton, Hannah Parrot, Dan Phemayotin, Perrin Scott, Cate Skidmore, Tom Waggener, and Walter Wojcik.

The memorial list included Malik Williams—Alabama; P. Dan Brittain—Arkansas; Jim Picton—Connecticut; Dale Hanson—Delaware; Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia; William Ralph Paris—Kentucky; Ruth Anne Bryant—Maine; Willy Danylieko and Joe Fineman—Massachusetts; Grace Chappel—New Jersey; Don French, Mary French, Norman MacAfee, Chris R., and Holly Ruthberg—New York; Suellen Leonard and Scott Swanton—North Carolina; Tom Tucker and Daniel Wert—Pennsylvania; Chloe Webb—Texas; Bill Fellingner—Vermont; Ray Namie—Virginia; Laura Martin—Washington; Pete Charette and Eloïse Filteau—Quebec, Canada; Michael Ryan, the Netherlands. Will Harron led 452 in honor of these friends. Tim Eriksen offered a prayer.

Leaders: Gwen Gethner 545; Robert Stoddard 400; Laura Hodges 30b; Sue Peters 287; Jeremy Galvagni 74b. John Holbrook said a grace and dismissed the class to dinner.

LUNCH

Sally Langendorf returned the class to order by leading 314. Leaders: Bill Holt 269; Miriam Delerium 271t; Jasmine Mendoza 522; Allison Langston 224; Elizabeth Stoddard 454; Philou 29t; Kate Bergren 542; Diedra Montgomery 196; Matthew Wojcik 383; Marie Brandis 328; névé dumas 58; Anya Skibbie 456; Tim Eriksen 435; Rachel Rudi 368; Guy Bankes 549; Mike Richards 218; Elsa Phemayotin 70b; Jennie Brown 411; Rob Arbelo 425; Owen Stoddard 91; Jean Seiler 217; Peter Irvine 67; Sebastian Beaghan 245; Barbara Swetman 497.

RECESS

Susanna Hoffmann and Becca Hawkins returned the class to order by leading 274t. Leaders: Angela Ruggiero-Corliss 319; Alec Collins 87; Rebecca Rohrer 272; Charles Biada 349; Allison Steel 162; Penny Henzel 83t; Elias Neuman-Donihue 209; Margaret Hughes 126; Gerald Clark 36t; Emmaleigh Winshell and Becky Wright 290; Isabel Linhares 480; Chris Geissler 371; Grant Cook 285b; Linda Shea 49b; Laura Clappitt 570; Michael Nord 49t; Janet Sponberg 565.

A business session was convened, during which reports were requested from the treasurer, secretary, and resolutions committee, along with announcements of upcoming singings. A class of one hundred twenty-five singers, drawn from all the

New England states along with Arkansas, Iowa, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Quebec, had led ninety songs. Holly Laws and Anuheia Sebstad led 282 as the class took the parting hand. Jana Yeaton spoke a final blessing. Chairperson—Holly Laws; Vice Chairperson—Anuheia Sebstad; Secretary—Erin Fulton

HELWIG-COGLAN MEMORIAL SINGING
Alameda, California
Saturday, November 9, 2024

The 3rd session of the Helwig-Coghlan Memorial Singing met on Saturday before the second Sunday in November at the California Historical Radio Society. The class was called to order by Lindy Groening leading 492. Dave Barber offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following slate of officers elected: Co-chairpersons—Lindy Groening and Pat Coghlan; Secretary—Leah Coffin; Treasurer—J.T. Harechmak; Chaplain—Dave Barber; Registration—Dami Osoba; Resolutions—Linda Selph; Food and Beverages—Susan Widule and Paul Hsi. Lindy Groening announced that Pat Coghlan was hospitalized and that she would chair on his behalf. The business session was closed.

Leaders: J.T. Harechmak 276; Heather Purdy 40; Hugh McGuire 42; Vivian McBride 273; Maggie Zhou 319; Leigh Cooper 225t; Sumie Arnold 178; Dave Barber 35; Jenny Solheim 400; Linda Selph 426b; Hannah Blair 87; Mark Godfrey 299 (for Pat Coghlan); Joel Chan 480; Peter Schinske 217; Joe Coghlan 501; Kate Fine 507; Ellen Lueck 317.

RECESS

Mark Godfrey led 82t to bring the class together. Leaders: Leah Coffin 384; Thom Fahrback 214; Evelyn Lamb 132; Mia Alvarado 49b; Bob Schinske 89; Matthew Siefert 464; Betsy Jeronen 564; David Schmidt 547; Nancy Novotny 181; Kevin Barrans 444; Kate Coxon 80t; Dami Osoba 538; Kim Lusk 378b; Susan Widule 277; Laura McMurray 39t; Paul Hsi 30t; Helen Cepero 99; Lindy Groening 112.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Hugh McGuire leading 275b. Leaders: Heather Purdy 204; Leigh Cooper 213t; Sumie Arnold 47t; J.T. Harechmak 155; Nancy Novotny 200; Hannah Blair 51; Matthew Siefert 500; Bob Schinske 522; Jenny Solheim 455; Mia Alvarado 565; Thom Fahrback 291; Laura McMurray 512; Dave Barber 113; Evelyn Lamb 69t; Ellen Lueck 30b. Dave Barber asked a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The first afternoon session began with Maggie Zhou leading 67. Leaders: Rachel O'Leary 290; Peter Schinske 306; Rebecca Edwards 336; Joe Coghlan 49t; Kate Coxon 411; Carolyn Deacy 286; Kevin Barrans 80b; Betsy Jeronen 392; Jonathan Scher 330t; Kim Lusk 445; David Schmidt 440; Dami Osoba 183; Peter Ross 163b; Leah Coffin 193; Evelyn Lamb 173; Kate Fine 532; Linda Selph 349; Thom Fahrback 312t; Bob Schinske 110; Hugh McGuire 402; Nancy Novotny 419; Mia Alvarado 352; Matthew Siefert 225b; Laura McMurray 48t.

RECESS

Ellen Lueck brought the class back to order leading 312b. Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 542 (for Thom Fahrback); J.T. Harechmak 111b; Mark Godfrey 351 (for Pat Coghlan); Peter Schinske 313t; Kate Fine 472 (for Pat Coghlan); David Schmidt 414; Susan Widule 274t; Dami Osoba 85; Lindy Groening 101b; Kevin Barrans 101t; Kate Coxon 228 (in memory of Steve Helwig); Betsy Jeronen 330b; Heather Purdy

270; Peter Ross 146; Jenny Solheim 29t; Dave Barber 569b; Leigh Cooper 372; Linda Selph 129.

The business meeting was reopened to hear reports from officers and committees. J.T. Harechmak reported as treasurer that expenses had been met. Leah Coffin as secretary reported that forty-six singers from five states led ninety-eight songs. Lindy Groening on behalf of the Resolutions Committee thanked all for their participation and the officers and committees for their service, and resolved to meet again on Saturday before the second Sunday in November next year. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Lindy Groening led 347 as the closing song. Dave Barber offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lindy Groening; Secretary—Leah Coffin

IMMANUEL SINGING

Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday, November 9, 2024

The 38th annual Immanuel Sacred Harp Singing was held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 59. Tim Reynolds gave the morning prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 72b; David Carlton 171, 421; Tim Morton 87, 30b; Tim Gregg 30t, 68b; Tom Morton 49b, 551; Rick Fretter 551; Zack Martin 569b, 119.

RECESS

Tim Morton brought the class back together leading 101t. Leaders: Margaret Evey 359, 48b; Deb Koch 34b, 111b; Bertie Tompkins 318, 34t; Emily Stutzman 339, 178; Rachel Mann 81t, 99; Nicole Scott 209, 208.

RECESS

Tim Gregg brought the class back together leading 313t. Leaders: Barbara Lehr and Zack Martin 268, 448t; Nathaniel Correll 66, 117; Lewis Frost 86, 147b; Cade Botts 457, 63.

LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class to order leading 148. Leaders: John Wendt 96, 210; Caleb Dillehay 89, 47t; Carol Wendt 73b, 167; Deb Koch 175; Rachel Mann 229; Tim Morton 112; Tom Morton 496; Tim Gregg 77t; Zack Martin 32t; Bertie Tompkins 274t; Barbara Lehr & Zack Martin 146; Nicole Scott 129; Emily Stutzman 275b; Margaret Evey 324; Lewis Frost 452; Rick Fretter 137; Carol Wendt 51; John Wendt 390; David Carlton 472.

After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 192 as the closing song. Tim Reynolds closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—David Carlton; Secretary—Rick Fretter

KYNETON SINGING

Kyneton, Victoria, Australia

Saturday, November 9, 2024

The 4th annual Kyneton All-Day Singing was held at the Kyneton Mechanics Institute, Mollison Street, Kyneton, Victoria, Australia. Lauren Reader led 49t as the opening song, and gave an Acknowledgement of Country of the Taungurung People of the Eastern Kulin Nations. Angharad Davis offered the opening prayer. Lauren Reader welcomed singers to the singing. Natalie Sims taught an introductory singing school on the rudiments and preparing to lead songs. The singing school included 45t.

Leaders: Meg Quinlisk 56t; Melanie Albrecht 56b; Myfanwy Godfrey 107; Angharad Davis 68b; Thomas MacDonald 65; Natalie Sims 354t; Ruby Foster 299; Shawn Whelan 472.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Lauren Reader; Secretary—Chris Phillips; Chaplain and Memorial Lesson—Angharad Davis and Meg Quinlisk; Treasurer—Myfanwy Godfrey; Arranging Committee—Natalie Sims and Shawn Whelan; Registration Committee—Edie White and Myfanwy Godfrey; Food Committee—Naomi Colville and Darren White.

RECESS

Chris Phillips led 47t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Ruth McNamara and Alex McNamara 34b; Alexis Halverson and Melanie Albrecht 276; Lauren Reader 112; Meg Quinlisk 430; Melanie Albrecht 86; Angharad Davis 96; Natalie Sims 203; Thomas MacDonald 189; Shawn Whelan 455; Ruby Foster 102; Chris Phillips 269; Ruth McNamara and Alex McNamara 481; Alexis Halverson and Natalie Sims 300; Lauren Reader and Chris Phillips 91; Meg Quinlisk 110; Melanie Albrecht 95; Angharad Davis 181; Natalie Sims 98; Thomas MacDonald 179; Ruby Foster 406; Chris Phillips and Leanne Watson 162. Angharad Davis offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Shawn Whelan and George Vanderstoep led 178 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Meg Quinlisk and Shawn Whelan 198; Melanie Albrecht 277; Angharad Davis 500; Chris Phillips 410t; Thomas MacDonald 245; Lauren Reader 504; Natalie Sims 475; Myfanwy Godfrey 146; Ruby Foster 232.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Meg Quinlisk. The following sick and shut-ins were named: Claire Reader, Margaret Davis, Rhianon Davis, Meg Quinlisk. Meg Quinlisk led 30b. The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Amanda Stevenson, Tom Whelan, Michelle Cook, Evdokia Harilaou, Dimitri Harilaou, Robert Colville, John Hamill, Mr. Pritchard, Bob McDonald, Sarah Grube. Meg Quinlisk led 308. Angharad Davis offered a prayer.

Leaders: Bill Thomson 268; Alexis Halverson and Shawn Whelan 547; Kate Reid and Lauren Reader 434; Lauren Reader 344; Melanie Albrecht 106.

RECESS

Angharad Davis led 59 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Myfanwy Godfrey 535; Mary Vanderstoep and Natalie Sims 63; Chris Phillips 270; Ruth McNamara 284; Thomas MacDonald 227; Natalie Sims 136; Bill Thomson 49b; Meg Quinlisk 306; Kate Reid 142; Ruby Foster 195; Meg Quinlisk, Thomas MacDonald, Angharad Davis, and Ruby Foster 254; Lauren Reader, Naomi Colville, Ruth McNamara, George Vanderstoep, and Ingrid Vanderstoep 82t; Myfanwy Godfrey, Shawn Whelan, Melanie Albrecht, Natalie Sims, Alexis Halverson, and Chris Phillips 217; Ruby Foster, Bill Thomson, and Angharad Davis 428; Kate Reid, Lauren Reader, Shawn Whelan and Alexis Halverson 385b.

Lauren Reader thanked those who worked hard to make the all-day singing happen, including officers, committee members, and the singing school teacher. The Secretary reported twenty-three singers from two states and two countries had sung sixty-five songs led by twenty leaders. The Treasurer reported that costs of venue hire had been met, and a small surplus was available to furnish the purchase of new books. Announcements were made.

Lauren Reader and Meg Quinlisk led 339 as the closing song. Angharad Davis offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, November 10

The class reconvened on Sunday afternoon at a private home in Kyneton to sing from the *Shenandoah Harmony*. Leaders: Lauren Reader 264b (ShH); Chris Phillips

162 (ShH); Ruby Foster 194 (ShH); Thomas MacDonald 15 (ShH); Angharad Davis 197 (ShH); Shawn Whelan 287 (ShH); Meg Quinlisk 292 (ShH); Lauren Reader 105 (ShH); Chris Phillips 132 (ShH); Ruby Foster 258 (ShH); Thomas MacDonald 160 (ShH); Angharad Davis 180 (ShH); Shawn Whelan 171 (ShH); Meg Quinlisk 154 (ShH); Lauren Reader 408t (ShH); Chris Phillips 408b (ShH); Ruby Foster 41 (ShH); Thomas MacDonald 106 (ShH).

RECESS

Angharad Davis led 186 (ShH) to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Shawn Whelan 403 (ShH); Meg Quinlisk 103 (ShH); Lauren Reader 140b (ShH). Chris Phillips led 264t (ShH) as the closing song. The class was dismissed. Chairperson—Lauren Reader; Secretary—Chris Phillips

STAPLEFORD SINGING

Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom

Saturday, November 9, 2024

The annual Stapleford All-Day Singing was held at Stapleford Baptist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom. The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading 171. Margaret Gillanders gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sarah West 36b; Ian West 32t; Hannah Land 28t; Werner Ullah 29t; Jonathan Stanyon 49b; Joy Spreadborough 148; John Sprackland 99; Joe Vickers 511; Karen Turner 300; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland; Sam Carter 141; Edwin Macadam 71; Joyce Smith 176b; Ted Brown 111b; Chris Coombs 472; Derek Buckland 76b; Sheila Girling Macadam 173; Richard Mayers 531..

RECESS

Steve Brett reconvened the class leading 73t. Leaders: Jacoba Bruneel 102; Chris Brown 277; Molly-Claire Gillett 371; Michael Walker 377; Inga Buckland 37b; Tom Sprackland 192; Joshua Lant 189.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Joe Vickers, who spoke about connections and memories. The following names of those listed as sick and housebound were read: Daniel Oldham, Sam Stephens, Paul Smith, Rob Mahoney, Cacilia Mann, Di and Dave Elliott, Vicki Elliott.

The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Simon White, Joyce Tyler, Robert Laycock, Janet Wilcox, Dawn Jeffrey, Zareer Masani, Peter Polish, Dinos Nearchous, Peter Child, Uschi Nolte, Jen McNeill, Trishia Flude, Mark Jones, Beverly Rollins Thompson and Phillip Reeves—Georgia, USA; P Dan Brittain—Arkansas, USA; Richard Maudlin and Henry Guthery—Alabama, USA; Chloe Webb—Texas, USA; Dan Burk and Jeff Begley—California, USA; Heather Wood—New York, USA. Joe Vickers closed the memorial lesson with prayer and led 414 for all those named.

Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 65; Hannah Land 183; Werner Ullah 457; Sarah West 82t; Jonathan Stanyon 569b; Joy Spreadborough 68b; John Sprackland 73b; Helen Brown 542. Grace for the midday meal was offered by Jonathan Stanyon.

LUNCH

The singing was reconvened by Ian West leading 135. Leaders: Sam Carter 436; Sheila Girling Macadam 187; Oisín Kisdon-Ireland 322; Derek Buckland 504; Karen Turner 475; Steve Brett 401; Edwin Macadam 236; Molly-Claire Gillett 454; Tom Sprackland 506; Jacoba Bruneel 58; Michael Walker 193; Richard Mayers 110; Inga Buckland 568; Matthew Parkinson 543; Joshua Lant 522; Joyce Smith 328; Chris Coombs 196; Joy Spreadborough 340; Werner Ullah 410t; Joe Vickers 376; John Sprackland 276; Hannah Land 198; Helen Brown 430.

RECESS

The singing was reconvened by Sarah West leading 285t. Leaders: Ted Brown 113; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Sam Carter 440; Karen Turner 344; Oisín Kisdon-

Ireland 318; Molly-Claire Gillett 313b; Derek Buckland 547; Steve Brett 375; Jacoba Bruneel 224; Michael Walker 354t; Inga Buckland 523; Tom Sprackland 402; Edwin Macadam 466; Matthew Parkinson 145b.

Helen Brown led 347 as the closing song, and Karen Turner dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Helen Brown; Vice Chairman—Ted Brown; Secretary—Margaret Gillanders

GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING
No. 3 Railroad Street, Arnoldsville, Georgia
Saturday, November 16, 2024

The November session of the *Georgian Harmony* singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in November at No. 3 Railroad Street. All song selections are from *The Georgian Harmony*.

Bill Hollingsworth called the class together leading 108. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 1; John Plunkett 128, 218; Bill Hogan 16, 244; Shawn Taylor 94, 15; Christy Sinksen 252; Jeremiah Ledbetter 96, 95; John Hollingsworth 174; David Brodeur 152, 105; Michael Spencer 208, 233; Jane Cannon 11, 12.

RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 29. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 25 (for Martha Harrell, Mary Brownlee, and Rosemund Watson); John Plunkett 248, 220; Bill Hogan 251, 238; Shawn Taylor 47, 59; Christy Sinksen 87; Jeremiah Ledbetter 72, 8; Jane Cannon 132 (by request of John Hollingsworth); David Brodeur 203, 106; Michael Spencer 42, 14; Jane Cannon 13, 100. Bill Hogan offered a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bill Hollingsworth leading 204.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 22; John Plunkett 200, 92; Bill Hogan 214, 209; Shawn Taylor 20, 186; Christy Sinksen 43; Jeremiah Ledbetter 50, 66; David Brodeur 86, 107; Michael Spencer 198, 211; Jane Cannon 3, 54; Bill Hollingsworth 249 (for Mary Brownlee); John Plunkett 134; Bill Hogan 168; Shawn Taylor 108; Christy Sinksen 176; Jeremiah Ledbetter 18; David Brodeur 171; Michael Spencer 228; Jane Cannon 19. Announcements were made.

Bill Hollingsworth led 45 as the closing song. Angela Benton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shawn Taylor

JEFF BEGLEY MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING
Orange Grove Friends House, Pasadena, California
Saturday, November 16, 2024

The first Jeff Begley Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held in Orange Grove Friends House, Pasadena, California. The class was called to order by Mary Rose O'Leary leading 59. David Olson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Olson and Arietta Begley 512; Sarah Hill 155; Peter Stenshoel 112; Carri Grindon 148; Jeff Laub 480; Linnea Sablosky 131t; Taylor Sullivan 187; David Elsenbroich 30b; Alison Fisher 318; Lucy O'Leary 528; Andrea Tzvetkov 373; Jeff McLeod 270; Mary Rose O'Leary 274t.

RECESS

Sarah Hill led 46 to call the class back together. Leaders: David Olson, with some remarks about Jeff Begley, 176t; Al Grindon 228; Paula O'Dowd 76b; Tanner Pfeiffer 47b; Fred Wilke 474; Brian McGee 30t; Laurie Burk 347; Michael Hagerty 47t;

Rachel O'Leary with Sydney Almaraz-Neal 384; Maggie Taylor 122; Linda Selph 208; Elizabeth Poss 276; Irene Gilb 171; Midge Harder 440.

RECESS

Alison Fisher led 146 to call the class back together. Leaders: Annalise Veliz and Leonora Veliz 144; Laura McMurray 101b; Jerry Schreiber 362; Brian How 183; Porter Lontz-Underhill 448t.

Peter Stenshoel introduced the memorial lesson with a singer's remembrance of Jeff Begley of California. Arietta Begley spoke with great love and passion about her life with Jeff. Sean Francis Conway led his original composition, Begley. David Olson offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Gerry Hoffman 327; Esteban Veliz and Aida Veliz 348t; Mark Godfrey 467; Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber 385t; Leigh Cooper 340; Sean Francis Conway 448b. David Olson offered the prayer before the meal.

LUNCH

Porter Lontz-Underhill led 162 to call the class back together. Leaders: Lucy Grindon 268; JR Rynant 560; Amy Ludwig 163b; Mark Godfrey 83t; Irene Gilb 26; Linda Selph 430; Brian How 114; Esteban Veliz 209; Jerry Schreiber 260; Gerry Hoffman 492; Annalise Veliz and Aida Veliz 31t; Elizabeth Poss 42; Laura McMurray 565; Porter Lontz-Underhill 536; Mary Rose O'Leary and Bev Begley, Di Begley, and Gwendolyn Evans 77t.

RECESS

Elizabeth Poss led 312b to call the class back together. Leaders: Sean Francis Conway 48t; Leigh Cooper 426t; Carla Smith and Jerry Schreiber 499; Maggie Taylor 569b; Midge Harder 532; Laurie Burk 504; Al Grindon, Carri Grindon, Lucy Grindon 229; Jeff Laub 280; David Elsenbroich 475; Peter Stenshoel and Phillip Richards 385b. Resolutions were offered by Rachel O'Leary and Lucy O'Leary, and moved to be accepted by David Olson with unanimous consent. Announcements were made.

Mary Rose O'Leary led 62 as the closing song. David Olson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Mary Rose O'Leary; Secretary—Peter Stenshoel

WEST YORKSHIRE SINGING

Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Leeds, United Kingdom

Saturday, November 16, 2024

The 19th annual West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day took place in Rothwell on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. Richard Mayers began the singing by leading 565, and John Copperwheat offered prayer.

Leaders: Martel Reynolds 49t; Karen Turner 47t; John Sprackland 49b; Joyce Smith 283; Werner Ullah 457; Jacoba Brunel 421; Joe Vickers 121; Sophie Lockhart 324; Calum Parker 383; Joanne Carlyle 29t; Derek Buckland 126; Emily Verrier 127; Jan Geerts 114; Sophie Phipson 282; Scarlett Lassoff 472; Tom Greig 89; Margaret Bradshaw 212; Steve Brett 406; Molly-Claire Gillett 217; Chris Coombs 475.

RECESS

Helen Brown called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Hannah Land 351; Gerben Vos 214; Inga Buckland 36b; Edwin Macadam 288; Sunny Doyle 294; Tom Sprackland 558; Chal Zon 481; Sam Carter-Odem 340.

The memorial lessons were led by John Sprackland, who led 523. The class remembered the following singers who had passed away: Lynda Smith, Christopher Hart, Ken Prosser, Joyce Tyler, John Esplen, James McMahan, Simon White, Robert Laycock, Janet Wilcox, Dawn Jeffrey, Zareer Masani, Dinos Nearchous, Peter Child, and Gregory Marsh—England; Peter Polish—Wales; Uschi Nolte—Germany; Truus Rietveld-Brouwer—Holland; Susan Fetcho, P. Dan Brittain, Richard Mauldin, Dan

Burk, Jeff Begley, Henry Guthery, Chloe Webb, Beverly Rollins Thompson, and Phillip Reeves—USA. Also remembered were the sick and housebound: Rob Mahoney, Cath Tyler, Daniel Oldham, Penny Verrier, Anne Altringham, Cäcilia Mann, and Els Ladage.

Leaders: Phil Tyler 157; Clara Potter-Sweet 131b; Matthew Parkinson 337; Jessica Beer 176t; Josh Lant 371; Clare Welford 440; Rowan Tinker 100; Mike Verrier 142; Sheila Girling Macadam 198. Hilary Blake asked the blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Jacoba Bruneel called the class to order leading 106. Leaders: Jan Geerts 506; Helen Brown 411; Calum Parker 434; Sunny Doyle 300; Sam Carter 460; Molly-Claire Gillett 203; Clara Potter-Sweet 196; Matthew Parkinson 110; Joyce Smith 45b; Emily Verrier 200; Phil Tyler 442; Gerben Vos 344; Jessica Beer 269; Tom Greig 268; Claire Welford 532; Margaret Bradshaw 168; Edwin Macadam 236; Steve Brett 513; Karen Turner 112; Chris Coombs 103; Sheila Girling Macadam 377; Sophie Phipson 46.

RECESS

Josh Lant called the class to order leading 204. Leaders: Tom Sprackland 197; Hannah Land 436; Derek Buckland 504; Scarlett Lassofo 384; Joe Vickers 541; Inga Buckland 104; Richard Mayers 455; Mick Verrier and Connie Baldin 272; Sophie Lockhart 65; Werner Ullah 410t; Martel Reynold 162; Chal Zon 163b; Sunny Doyle 38b; John Sprackland 448t; Molly-Claire Gillett 278t; Gerben Vos 289; Emily Verrier, Connie Baldini, and Charlotte Sumner 146; Calum Parker 227; Jessica Beer 549.

Richard Mayers thanked everyone for what had been a very energetic day of singing. Karen Turner gave the secretaries' report, stating that fifty-seven registered singers sang eighty-four songs, led by forty leaders. Further thank-yous and announcements were made. The Treasurer's report is that expenses have been met with a large surplus.

Richard Mayers led 145b as the closing song. Arja Copperwheat offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Richard Mayers; Secretaries—Hilary Blake and Karen Turner

WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL Natural Bridge, Alabama Sunday, November 17, 2024

The 52nd session of the annual Sacred Harp singing in memory of Ganus Wakefield, Gene Wakefield, Clifford Wakefield, Cecil Wakefield, Wilford Wakefield, and Wendell Wakefield was held on the third Sunday in November at King Schoolhouse (Mt. Vernon Baptist Church) near Natural Bridge, Alabama. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 32t. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chariman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman and Secretary—Nicholas Thompson; Arranging—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 64; Nicholas Thompson 166 (for Julie Poston), 138t; Louise Yeager 276, 426b; Chris Nicholson 34b, 49t; Faye Donaldson 225t, 430; Laurie Keeton 128, 87; Marlin Beasley 75, 217; Roma Rice 411, 299; Larry Wakefield 317, 569b; Ricky Beasley 31t, 47b.

RECESS

Nicholas Thompson led 170 to call the class back together. Leaders: Beth Wallace 110, 200; Butch White 313b, 86; Wakefield Descendants 45t, 408; Loretta Whitman 30t, 31b; Lena Keeton, Glenn Keeton, and Isabella Keeton 235; Ken Tate 120, 234; Betty Baccus, Faye Donaldson, and Sharon Spangler 339, 100; Larry Wakefield, Faye

Donaldson, and Betty Baccus 333. Butch White offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 282. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 270, 122; Margaret Keeton 129, 172; Amber Davis 49b (in memory of Murry Livingston), 436 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon); Larry Ballinger 277, 551; Cassie Allen 131b, 192; Bunk Beasley 72b, 81t; Steve Miles 84, 421; Lisa Geist 273, 528, 472. Announcements were made.

Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song. Nicholas Thompson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

THANKSGIVING SACRED HARP SINGING **Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom** **Saturday, November 23, 2024**

The 14th annual Thanksgiving Sacred Harp Singing was held in Jordans Village Hall, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Robin Bisson leading 503. Jan Lawrence offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 121; Edwin Macadam 84; Kerry Cullinan 524; Teresa Maguire 105; Rowan Simms 354t; Ted Simmons 171; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 72b; John Bealle 196; Hyke Sakaras 551; Derek Buckland 317; Claire Welford 42; Wail Qasim 276; Nick Hall 213b; Helen Brown 565; Peter Douglas-Banks 280; Eloise Clark 569t; Werner Ullah 457; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 432; Susanne Rolli 340 (for Michael Woody); Peter Eiseman-Renyard 56b; Steve Brett 32t.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Kostas Mavreas leading 29t. Leaders: Jan Lawrence 540; Joe Jones 479; Wilfred Wood 122; Inga Buckland 353; For Dan Brittain; Jo-anne Carlyle 163t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Teresa Maguire. Ted Simmons read the following list of names of the sick and housebound Helen Bushell, Isobel Stokes, Mary Hodgkins, Emily Dzuganova, Robin Nicholson, Căcilia Mann, Werner Kist, Hilary Johnson, and Tim Fletcher.

Ted Simmons then read the list of names of the deceased: Dawn Jeffrey, London; Zareer Masani, London; Peter Polish, Carmarthen; Dinos Nearchou, London; Peter Child, London; Ram Ramamurthy, London; Steven Black, Isle of Man; Janet Nevitt, Cambridge; Joyce Tyler, Devon; Simon White, Buxton, Derbyshire; Anne Bird, Norfolk; Uschi Nolte, Germany; P. Dan Brittain, Bill Fellingier, Beverly Rollins Thompson, Phillip Reeves, Michael Woody, Richard Mauldin, Dan Burk, Jeff Begley, Henry Guthery, and Chloe Webb—USA. Teresa McGuire led 472. Ted Brown closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Joyce Smith 129; Johannes Sauer 348t; Toby Goss 86; Morgan Kist 547; Rachel Jordan 82t; Werner Ullah 410t; Ted Brown 81t; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 294; Matthew Parkinson 40; Susanne Rolli 354b; Sheila Girling Macadam 313b, for P Dan Brittain; Teresa Maguire 35; Grace was said by Derek Buckland.

LUNCH

The class was called to order by Peter Eiseman-Renyard leading 38t. Leaders: Johannes Sauer 89; Peter Douglas-Banks 344; Claire Welford 480; Wail Qasim 268; Ted Simmons 207; Rowan Simms 250; Jo-anne Carlyle 392; John Bealle 454; Robin Bisson 218; Joyce Smith 361; Nick Hall 546; Kerry Cullinan 378t; Eloise Clark 475; Matthew Parkinson 384; Inga Buckland 30b; Steve Brett 203; Rachel Jordan 269; Ted

Brown 176b; Edwin Macadam 528; Werner Ullah 278t; Kostas Mavreas 168; Helen Brown 142.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Joe Jones leading 477. Leaders: Bridget McVennon-Morgan 506; Claire Welford 566; Jan Lawrence 318; Matthew Parkinson 393; Wilfred Wood 497; Hyke Sakaras 163b; David Black and Joe Jones 452; Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall 474; Rowan Simms 205; Helen Brown and Ted Brown 496; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard and Pete Eiseman-Renyard 117; Susanne Rolli 59; Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam 504; Derek Buckland 70b; Teresa Maguire 461; Joyce Smith and Steve Brett 144; Ted Simmons 146; Eloise Clark and John Bealle 273; Peter Douglas-Banks 162; Kerry Cullinan 70t. Notices were given. The Secretary reported that there were forty-three registered singers, thirty-seven leaders and eighty-six songs were sung. Singers came from four countries.

Robin Bisson led 347 as the closing song. Inga Buckland offered the closing prayer. Chairperson—Robin Bisson; Secretary—Jo-anne Carlyle

ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

Southside Community Center, Southside, Alabama

November 23-24, 2024

Saturday, November 23

The 123rd meeting of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Association convened on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. The class was called to order by Cassie Allen leading 70t. The opening prayer was offered by Danny Creel. Cassie Allen welcomed the singers and visitors.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 82t; Butch White 34b; Ainslie Allen 498; Jeff James 282; Cindy Tanner 336 (in memory of Kathleen Robbins); Sarah George 436; Pam Nunn 362; David Ivey 562; Tom George 121; Rodney Ivey 129; Hazel Heinze 107; Paul Chamberlain 547; Lori Rodgers 85; Sam Wright 30t; David Smead 385t; Emily Stutzman 451; Alex Forsyth 270; Shawn Taylor 339; Anna Hinton 455.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Cassie Allen leading 100. Leaders: Shane Wootten 394; Jeannette DePoy 67; David Jackson, Wayne East, and Sandra East 45t; Nicholas Thompson 304 (for Lisa Geist).

A business session was held at this time. The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve the convention: Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Ainslie Allen; Chaplain—Tom George; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner and Nicholas Thompson; Finance Committee—Pam Nunn, Robert Chambless, and David Jackson; Resolutions Committee—Blake Sisemore and Reba Windom; Memorial Committee—Judy Caudle and Cassie Allen; Locating Committee—David Ivey and Bridge Kennedy. Leaders: Butch White 277; Blake Sisemore 380; Zena Tucker 28b; Mary Amelia Taylor 298; Bill DuPre 83b; Daniel Brodeur 140; Shannon Primm and Kent Barton 83t; Abby Huckaby 442; Daniel Lee 302; Everett Ivey 38t; Karen Rollins 448b; Stefani Priskos 340; David Carlton 91; Meredith Ivey 50t; Gabriel Rice 486; Danny Creel 485; Taylor Cook 146; Judy Chambless 472 (for Jack Nelson); Beverly Coates and Linda Thomas 475 (in memory of Cheryl Foreman); Caroline Barron 398; Hayden Arp 75 (in memory of Mary Ruth Stiefel); Rene Greene 183; Bridge Kennedy 440; Nathan Rees 134; Esther Morgan-Ellis 212. Tom George asked a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 313b. Leaders: Rachael Geary 456; Barrett Patton 273; Judy Caudle 328; Adrian Eldridge 564; Kelsey Ivey 500; Reba Windom 542; Jane Cannon 447; Abigail Cannon 234; Karen Ivey 182;

Susan Lee 349; Winfred Kerr 283; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Lisa Bennett 343 (in memory of John Smead); Richard Ivey 311; Elene Stovall and Nicholas Thompson 200 (for David Light); Matt Hinton 203; Linda Thomas 131b; Nicole Scott 208; Stefani Priskos and Hazel Heinze 312b; Emily Stutzman and Barrett Patton 217; Bill DuPre and Jeannette DePoy 30b; Danny Creel and Hayden Arp 269; Kelsey Ivey and Lori Rodgers 162; Gabriel Rice and Paul Chamberlain 532; Jeff James and Mary Amelia Taylor 86; Richard Ivey, Meredith Ivey, and Everett Ivey 46, 88b. Announcements were made.

Butch White and Rodney Ivey led 521 as the closing song. Tom George dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, November 24

The Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Association met again on Sunday morning at Southside Community Center for another day of singing and fellowship. The class was called to order by Butch White leading 101t. Tom George offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 47t; Ainslie Allen 186; Tom George 461; Nicholas Thompson 316; Judy Caudle 112 (for David Light); Blake Sisemore 188; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 192; Robert Chambless 452; Cassie Allen 197; David Ivey 271b; Bridge Kennedy 489; Cindy Tanner 368; Donna Bell 63; Judy Mincey 468; Jonathon Smith 418; Pam Nunn 528; Daniel Williams 372; Cecil Roberts 138b.

RECESS

Butch White and Rodney Ivey led 68b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jamey Wootten 391; Garrett Morton 196; Beverly Coates 278t; Jane Cannon 315; Vella Dailey 147t; Samuel Williams 263; Jackie Tanner 208; Emily Eddins 306; Deb Morton and Garrett Morton 299.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Rodney Ivey and Abby Huckaby leading 31t. Leaders: Nathan Rees 462; Abby Huckaby 142; Elam Eddins 203.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Judy Caudle read the words to the song on page 340 "Odem". She spoke for the sick and shut-ins and read the following list of names aloud: Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Nate Green, Judy Henry, David Light, Mike Geist, Lisa Geist, Julia Poston, Alice McGuire, Darlene Reynolds, Kevin Powell, Leon Ballinger, Mike Hinton, Wanda Capps, Janice Caldwell, Margaret Keeton, Bonnie Baldwin, Syd Caldwell, Parnell Berry, Lucy Heidorn, Don Bowen, John Hollingsworth, Elsie Hollingsworth, Jack Nelson, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Karlene Williams, and Barry Rollins. Judy led 27.

Cassie Allen read from the Bible in the book of Job. She spoke in memory of the deceased and read the following list of names aloud: Tommie Spurlock, Myrline Redmon, Richard Mauldin, Billy Kelley, Henry Guthery, William Futral, Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Joan Wilks, Jack Ivey, Chris Shepherd, Malik Williams, Janet King, Frank T Hill, Jr., and Pearl Guier—Alabama; Elder Bobby Neyman and Esther Mann—Mississippi; Bob Goodman, Beverly Rollins Thompson, Jean Toole, Lucy Garner, and Sue Morgan—Georgia; Mel Kersey—Tennessee; Chloe Webb, John Morris, Esther Huckaby, and Don Huckaby—Texas; P. Dan Brittain and Lloyd Caldwell—Arkansas; Jeff Begley and Susan Fetcho—California; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Curtis Cook—Indiana; Nancy Macklin and Martha Ann Stegar—Virginia; Tom Tucker and Christian Schlegel—Pennsylvania; Scott Swanton—North Carolina; John Smead—Missouri; Mary Grayson—Illinois. Cassie led 512. Tom George closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 318; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 430; Racheal Geary 319; Winfred Kerr 89; Matt Hinton and Jessie Mabry 324; Daniel Lee 101b; Sarah George 474; Shannon Primm 213t; Hayden Arp 149; Lisa Bennett 417. Tom George asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey led 345t to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Karen Ivey 106; Karen Rollins 327; Esther Morgan Ellis 214; David Smead 225b; Caroline Barron 127; Anna Hinton 419; David Brodeur 377; Allison Davis 441; Alex Forsyth 370; Rene Greene 273; Abigail Cannon 187; Zena Tucker 56b; Shawn Taylor 151; Elene Stovall 422; Cheyenne Ivey 168 (for Alex Makris); Karen Rollins and Nathan Rees 227; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 181; Hayden Arp and Blake Sisemore 434 (in memory of Daphene Causey and Flora Skinner); Jane Cannon and Shannon Primm 475; Judy Mincey and Esther Morgan-Ellis 448t; David Brodeur and Cecil Roberts 312b; David Ivey and Jessie Mabry 159; Adrian Eldridge and Cassie Allen 345b; Alex Forsyth and Racheal Geary 426t; Matt Hinton and Anna Hinton 138t; Judy Caudle and Reba Windom 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Pam Nunn and Rene Greene 436; Tom George, James George, and Sarah George 411; Caroline Barron and Daniel Lee 32b; Donna Bell and Elene Stovall 225t; Karen Ivey and Abigail Cannon 99; Nicholas Thompson and Cheyenne Ivey 384 (in memory of Coy Ivey); Winfred Kerr and Shawn Taylor 37b; Daniel Williams and Samuel Williams 53; Jamey Wootten and Garrett Morton 48t; Bridge Kennedy and Deb Morton 276 (for Margaret Keeton). A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from the various committees. Cindy Tanner reported for the Arranging Committee and Secretary that singers from nine states had sung one hundred sixty-three songs over the two days. Pam Nunn gave the financial report and stated that expenses were met. The Resolutions report was given by Blake Sisemore as follows: We, the Resolutions Committee for the 123rd session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Association would first like to thank God for granting the privilege of gathering to sing praises; we thank the officers and committee members for working and organizing the convention and keeping things running smoothly; we thank Pam Nunn and Matt Hinton for arranging the catered food, and also thank anyone who brought food or helped in anyway with dinner; we thank our visitors for traveling to join us this weekend; we thank the generations of singers who came before us and worked continuously to keep this amazing tradition alive. We resolve to convene again on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November, 2025. The Locating Committee recommended that the Association return to Southside Community Center for the next meeting. The reports were approved and accepted by unanimous vote. The business meeting was adjourned. Announcements were made. Butch White and Rodney Ivey led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Tom George offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Ainslie Allen

MAINE NEW ENGLAND COOPER BOOK SINGING

The New Church, Portland, Maine

Saturday, November 30, 2024

The 5th annual Maine New England All-Day *Cooper Book* Singing was called to order by Ron Trial leading 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Robert Stoddard. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 68b; George Howe 49t; Mary Ganter 416b; Bill Holt 38t; Eric Hildebrand 148; George Sigut 38b; Ethan McNerney 163b; Kerry Cullinan 504; Ernest Chamberlain 107; Elizabeth Stoddard 138t; Rachel Taylor 103; Abigail Beshkin 102; Erin Fulton 70b; Joan Frankel and Rachel Taylor 103; David Yearwood and Jesse Vear 98; Jesse Vear 522; Owen Stoddard 89; Patricia McNerney 327.

RECESS

The class was called together by George Sigut leading 505. Leaders: Kerry Cullinan 559; Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian 411; Ernest Chamberlain 343; Ethan McNerney 384; Eric Hildebrand 489; Bill Holt 500; George Sigut 150; Elizabeth

Stoddard 576; Rachel Taylor 335 (alt. words by F.R. Warren); Abigail Beshkin 269; Erin Fulton 77b; Joan Frankel and Robert Stoddard 137; David Yearwood and Jesse Vear 482; Jesse Vear 464; Owen Stoddard 200; Ron Trial 572. Robert Stoddard offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Erin Fulton leading 74b. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 416t; Evan Landon 186; Jill Clough and Evan Landon 417; George Howe 461; Patricia McNerney and Ava Becker 587; Owen Stoddard 306; Jesse Vear 497; Mary Ganter 388; Erin Fulton 315; Kerry Cullinan 54t; Elizabeth Stoddard 373; Joan Frankel 506; Ernest Chamberlain 30b; Chris Holley 105b; Eric Hildebrand 59; Bill Holt 376; George Sigut 264t; Ethan McNerney 337.

RECESS

The class was called together by Ron Trial leading 573. Leaders: Chris Holley 199; Robert Stoddard 514; Joan Frankel and Erin Fulton 440t; Kerry Cullinan 133; Elizabeth Stoddard 591; Jill Clough 159; Mary Ganter 47b; George Howe 36b; Jesse Vear 567; George Sigut 326; Erin Fulton 539; Owen Stoddard 268b; Ron Trial 96; Elizabeth Stoddard 273.

The class gave thanks and resolved to gather again next year on Saturday after Thanksgiving, November, 2025. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that thirty-one singers attended from six states, and that seventy-one songs were led by twenty-two leaders.

Chris Holley and Kathe Pilibosian led 527 as the closing song. Robert Stoddard offered the closing prayer.

JOE BEASLEY MEMORIAL **Concord Church, Winfield, Alabama** **Sunday, December 1, 2024**

The 27th session of the Joe Beasley Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on the first Sunday in December. The class was called to order by Ricky Beasley leading 335 (in memory of John Beasley). Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer. Ricky then led 348b (in memory of his mother).

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Ricky Beasley; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary and Arranging—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Marlin Beasley 61, 39b (both in memory of Juanita Beasley); Betty Baccus 387, 166; Butch White 39t, 535; Louise Yeager 276, 112; Becky Briggs 108t, 318; Doug Cantrell 345b, 341.

RECESS

Ricky Beasley called the class back to order leading 30b. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 80b (in memory of Earl Ballinger, 100, 544; Roma Rice 93, 321; Larry Ballinger 97 (in memory of Earl Ballinger), 133; Bunk Beasley 72b, 81t, 59; Margaret Keeton 402, 78; Lisa Geist 546, 391 (for Amber Davis). Butch White offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ricky Beasley leading 31b. Leaders: Marlin Beasley 31t; Betty Baccus 168 (in memory of her grandfather); Butch White 86; Louise Yeager 143; Becky Briggs 129; Doug Cantrell 354b; Roma Rice 452; Larry Ballinger 448b; Bunk Beasley 45t. Announcements were made.

Ricky Beasley led 101t as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ricky Beasley; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Lisa Geist

MT. ZION GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
Mercer County, Kentucky
Sunday, December 8, 2024

Jim Thobaben called the class to order with prayer. By request, Ron Pen named the shapes and sang the gamut for the aid of visitors. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Southern Harmony*. Leaders: Ron Pen 73b; Donna Kwon 47t; Mary Brinkman 47b; Alanna Boltz 277; Rafael Finkel 523; Charles H. Coulston 299; Tom Morton 155; Amy Pemberton 159; Randy Weber 310 (SoH); Joy R. Dunn 388; Tim Morton 460; Marcelyn Thobaben and Ron Pen 455; Erin Fulton 95 (SoH); Rafael Finkel 159b (SoH); Donna Kwon 178.

RECESS

Leaders: Charles Thobaben 16 (SoH) (by request of Jim Thobaben); Mary Brinkman and Charles Coulston 312b; Ron Pen 262 (SoH); Tim Morton 306; Randy Webber 189 (SoH); Joy Dunn 143; Erin Fulton 39b (SoH); Marcelyn Thobaben and Randy Webber 117; Alanna Boltz 223; Amy Pemberton 59; Tom Morton 146; Tim Morton 32t; Charles Coulston 344; Joy R. Dunn 45t; Erin Fulton 35b (SoH); Lizzy Guthrie and Randy Webber 34t (SoH). Marcelyn Thobaben offered the closing prayer. Ron Pen led 267 while the class took the parting hand. The group, comprised of twenty-six registered singers from Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, and West Virginia, then dismissed to a soup supper prepared by members of the church.

Chairman—Jim Thobaben; Secretary—Erin Fulton

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David Fetcho
1948-2021
Fernwood
Mill Valley, CA

Susan Fetcho
1953-2024
Fernwood
Mill Valley, CA

2024 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2024 minutes.

Listed by Date

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| 12-18-23 | Lloyd Caldwell | Arkansas |
| 12-25-23 | Richard K Mauldin | Alabama |
| 01-06-24 | Nancy Macklin | Virginia |
| 01-24-24 | Tommie Spurlock | Alabama |
| 03-16-24 | Curtis M Cook | Indiana |
| 03-29-24 | Jeffrey R Begley | California |
| 05-08-24 | John Morris | Texas |
| 05-13-24 | Ozella Blackmon | Alabama |
| 05-19-24 | Earl Ballinger | Alabama |
| 06-16-24 | William J Futral | Alabama |
| 06-18-24 | Melvin E (Mel) Kersey | Tennessee |
| 06-18-24 | Reed Schilbach | Washington |
| 07-03-24 | Henry C Guthery, Sr | Alabama |
| 07-15-24 | Chloe Ann Webb | Texas |
| 07-31-24 | Susan Fetcho | California |
| 08-12-24 | Myrline Redmon | Alabama |
| 08-20-24 | Ruth Anne Bryant | Maine |
| 08-24-24 | Beverly Rollins Thompson | Georgia |
| 09-13-24 | Billy Kelley | Alabama |

Listed by Location (* — see above list for date)

Alabama

- * Earl Ballinger
- * Ozella Blackmon
- Linda Vest Cothren
- * William J Futral
- * Henry C Guthery, Sr
- Frank T Hill, Jr
- Marie Hyatt
- Jack Ivey
- * Billy Kelley
- Janet King
- * Richard K Mauldin
- * Myrline Redmon
- Tommy Reeves
- Chris Shepherd
- * Tommie Spurlock
- Mary Ina Swetman
- Joan Wilks
- Malik Williams

Alaska

Annamarie Schutter

Arizona

Gary Basoukas

Arkansas

- * Lloyd Caldwell
- Nancy Payne

Bill Stewart

California

- Shirley T Bean
- * Jeffrey R Begley
- Dan Burk
- Maury Burkes
- * Susan Fetcho
- Marvin Wayne Gustin
- Lois Herrin
- Bruce Hildebrand
- Trinity Jennings
- Miles Walbrecht

Colorado

- Elric Elias
- Laverne Lewis
- Alfred Saussotte
- John Van Duzer

Connecticut

- Burton Hatheway
- Bonnie Merle Lee
- Ken McKenzie
- Jim Picton
- Corine Robinson

Delaware

Dale Hanson

District of Columbia

Bernice Johnson Reagon

Florida

Karen Evans

Georgia

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- Clay Keirbow
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- Brett Martin
- Sue Morgan
- Phillip Reeves
- Jerry Shadinger
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- Frank Fraembs

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Sheila Waldek

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William Ralph Paris

Louisiana

August Golden

Maine

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Bradley Randle

Maryland

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Denney Cook
Dan Nelson
Beverly Taylor

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Joe Fineman
Tony Parkes
Simon Rackzelle
Christine Robb
Kim Thabalt
Mike Werner
Ron Woodland

Michigan

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Richard Crawford
Charles Hiroshi Garrett
Betsy Kamphuis
Anne McMillan
Jack Minton

Alice Rainaldi
Tony Rainaldi
Greg Smith

Minnesota

Samia Amare Al-Ahad
John Buche
Sam Butler
Chris Dronen
Betty Een
Sumara El-Hadid
Ted Lewis
Harlen Menk
Keith Peterson
Paul Peterson
Harlan Stoehr
Marian Syrjamiki
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Missouri

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Christina Quick
Zeb Robertson
John Smead
Travis Stein

Nebraska

Sam Butler
Bill Lang
Tom Rinken
Barbara Scudder
Charles Scudder
Miriam Seaver

New Hampshire

Anna Hayden

New Jersey

Grace Chappell
Joseph Clarke Williams Sr

New Mexico

Samantha Bursum
Phillip Townsend Lontz
Jeannie McLerie
Francis McPherson

Anita Sanders
Anita Saunders

New York

Evan Eisenhandler
Don French

Mary French
Cecilia Gentili
Yukon Grody
Chuck Lubochinski
Norman MacAfee
Harry Marten
Jane McAlevey
Paul McElligot
Stacy Miller
Arlene O'Donnell
Gráinne O'Flynn
Lew Rose
Hollie Ruthberg
Mego Saienni
Sandra Trutt
Tom Wolski
Heather Wood

North Carolina

Grace Brazil
Zoe Clay
Casey Johnson
Richmond Johnson
Suellen Leonard
Joyce Markle
Bo McIntosh
Dorothy Oakley
George Reynolds
Brittany Robinson
Scott Swanton

Ohio

Lucille Bayer
Connie Crabtree
Steve Duff
Mary Krogness
Alma Misly Miller
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Oklahoma

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Leona Mae Penn
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Pat Presnell
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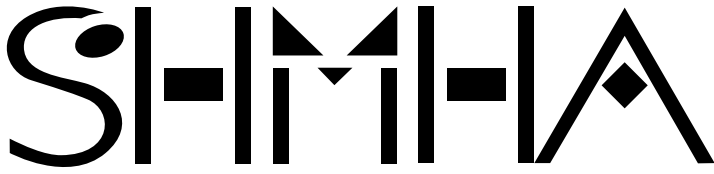
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