

# *Sacred Harp* *Singings*

## *2025 & 2026*

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## ***Editor's Note***

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.

Wow!! What a wonderful time to be a Sacred Harp singer. I had the privilege of attending the United Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in September of this year. It was a great event, thanks to the preparatory efforts of the Atlanta area singers, debuting the latest revision of the Sacred Harp. The new book is beautifully done from cover to cover. I want to thank the Revision Committee for a job well done!

I also had the privilege of serving with Jean Seiler and Steven Schmidgall on the Memorial Committee for the United Convention. It is an honor to be asked to serve, and it is a blessing to accept and fulfill that service. If you have not served in this capacity, please consider doing so when asked. The rewards will fill your heart with joy.

“God, my supporter and my hope,  
My help forever near,  
Thine arm of mercy held me up,  
When sinking in despair.”

— Judy Caudle

## 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](http://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.

# 2026 CALENDAR

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# SACRED HARP SINGINGS

## 2026 DIRECTORY

### ANNUAL SINGINGS

#### January

##### *First Sunday and Saturday before*

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

**Thu., 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](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Thu., 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](mailto:scmws@yahoo.com)

**Sun., 4th**—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., 10th**—The Chicago Winter Singing Workshops—Berry United Methodist Church, 4754 N Leavitt, Chicago, Illinois—12:40 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Info: <http://chicagosingings.org>

**Sat., 10th**—Helms-Bayne Memorial—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 10th, 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—Info: [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th**—Central Florida Singing—St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 4917 Eli Street, Orlando, Florida 32804—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition; The Christian Harmony 2010; The B.F. White Sacred Harp, 2012 Cooper; The Shenandoah Harmony; The Valley Pocket Harmonist*—Second Sunday and Saturday before in January—Info: FB event

**Sun., 11th**—Uncle Jack Kerr and Henry Kerr Memorial—Postponed for 2025—9:30 a.m.

**Sun., 11th**—Anniversary Singing—Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, 3501 N Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60641—9:30 a.m.—Info: <http://chicagosingings.org>

##### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th**—All-California Sacred Harp Convention—Convention rotates between Northern and Southern California—9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Info: [bayareasacredharp.org](http://bayareasacredharp.org)

**Sun., 18th**—Creel Memorial Christian Harmony Singing—Old County Line Church, near Corner, (Jefferson County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Christian Harmony, 2010*—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.—

Info: shapenotesingings.com

#### ***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—Keystone Convention—The Rotunda, 4014 Walnut St, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—

Info: pennsylvaniاسacredharp.com

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—Australian Convention—Brunswick Uniting Church Hall,, Sydney Rd., Brunswick—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—

Info: <http://sacredharpaustralia.com>

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—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-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

#### ***Fifth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 31st**—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: [singings.texasfasola.org](http://singings.texasfasola.org)

**Sat., 31st**—Rotunda Singing—Alabama Department of Archives and History—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Four books used: *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition/Cooper Book/Christian Harmony/Colored Sacred Harp*—between Adams and Washington streets, Montgomery, Alabama—Lunch provided with \$10.00 donation

## **February**

#### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sun., 1st**—Burnham and Brown Memorial—Wesley Foundation, Jacksonville (Calhoun County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—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](mailto:katzenhw.47@gmail.com)

**Sun., 1st**—Central Music Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

#### ***Second Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 7th**—Minnesota State Midwinter Singing—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: Matt Wells or [fasolamatt@yahoo.com](mailto:fasolamatt@yahoo.com)

**Sat., 7th**—Baylor University Singing—Truett Seminary Great Hall, Baylor U, Waco, Texas—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Info: [singings.texasfasola.org](http://singings.texasfasola.org)

**Sat., 7th**—Sanders Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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, [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sat., 7th**—Emory University—Cannon Chapel, Decatur, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Info: [atlantasacredharp.org](http://atlantasacredharp.org)

**Sun., 8th**—Elder Roy Avery Memorial Singing—Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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., 8th**—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.chicagosingings.org>

### ***Third Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 14th**—Panhandle Pioneer Museum—Blountstown, Florida—*Cooper Book*—

Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th**—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@pacificnwsacredharpersingers.org](mailto:chair@pacificnwsacredharpersingers.org)

### ***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 21st**—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](http://atlantasacredharp.org)

**Sat., 21st**—South Yorkshire Sacred Harp Singing Day—Wisewood Methodist Church, Ben Lane, Sheffield, UK—10:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Sat., 21st**—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](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd**—Texas State Convention—Coker United Methodist Church, 231 E. North Loop Road, San Antonio, Texas—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in February—

Info: [singings.texasfasola.org](http://singings.texasfasola.org)

**Sun., 22nd**—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/The Social Harp*—Info: Michael Spencer

## ***March***

### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Fri., 27th - Sun., 1st**—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., 28th**—Arie and Mona Galloway Memorial—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 28th**—Greenwood County Singing—501 E Creswell Ave. Greenwood, SC 29649—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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 ILC is in the fork of the road.—Saturday before the first Sunday in March—Info: [hoganbill56@gmail.com](mailto:hoganbill56@gmail.com)

**Sat., 28th**—North Carolina Sacred Harp Convention—Pullen Memorial Baptist Chapel, 1801 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27605—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp* and *Shenandoah Harmony*—Saturday before the first Sunday in March—

Info: [ncshapenote.org](http://ncshapenote.org) or Facebook

**Sat., 28th & Sun., 1st**—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., 28th & Sun., 1st**—Elder Gerald Hand Memorial and Tucson Singing—Location to be announced.—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—rotates between Las

Cruces, New Mexico (even years) and Tucson, Arizona (odd years)—First Sunday and Saturday before in March—Info: [www.tucsonfasola.org](http://www.tucsonfasola.org) or [tucsonfasola@gmail.com](mailto:tucsonfasola@gmail.com)

**Sun., 1st**—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., 7th**—Olympia All-Day Singing—Olympia, Washington—  
Info: [pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org](http://pacificnwsacredharpsingers.org)

**Sat., 7th**—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-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 7th**—Sussex Shape Note Singing—Staplefield Village Hall, Cuckfield Road, Staplefield, Sussex, UK—10:00 a.m.—Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Sat., 7th**—Jacksonville All-Day Singing—St. John's Lutheran Church, 1950 Silver St., Jacksonville, Florida—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Saturday before the second Sunday in March—Info: Vik Slen / [vikslen@gmail.com](mailto:vikslen@gmail.com)

**Sat., 7th**—Sydney All-Day Singing—Sydney, Australia—  
Info: [sacredharpaustralia.com](http://sacredharpaustralia.com)

**Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th**—Missouri State Convention—The Monday Club, 37 South Maple Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri 63119—9:30 a.m.—Sacred Harp and *Missouri Harmony*—corner of South Maple and East Cedar Avenues—  
Info: [stfasola.org](http://stfasola.org) and FB

**Sat., 7th & Sun., 8th**—Western Massachusetts Sacred Harp Convention—Location to be announced, Northampton, Massachusetts—9:30 a.m.—  
Info: [wmshc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:wmshc.chair@gmail.com)

**Sun., 8th**—Enon Singing—Enon Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama—Cooper Revision—Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sun., 8th**—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., 14th**—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., 14th**—South Carolina State Singing in Memory of William Walker—Second Presbyterian Church—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony*—across from Wofford College—Spartanburg, South Carolina—Lunch on your own.—  
Info: Robert Kelley

**Sat., 14th**—Stephenson, Wall, and Hocutt Memorial Singing—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Boldo (Walker County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp and Christian Harmony*—Northeast of Jasper, Alabama. Off Alabama Hwy 69, turn on Boldo Cemetery Road—Info: [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sun., 15th**—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*—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., 21st**—Swarens Memorial Higher Ground Singing—St Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46208—9:30 a.m.—Sacred Harp and *Shenandoah Harmony*—Info: [sahra.lynne@gmail.com](mailto:sahra.lynne@gmail.com) / [www.indysacredharp.com](http://www.indysacredharp.com)

**Sat., 21st**—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](mailto:claguem@gmail.com)

**Sat., 21st**—Faircloth-Tom Woodham-Ezzie Hertzog Memorial—Union Hill Singing Hall, Hwy 177, Millers Crossroads, Bonifay, Florida—*Cooper Book*—Info: Kevin Eddins, or [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd**—Georgia State Convention—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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](http://atlantasacredharp.org)

#### ***Fifth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 28th**—Parker, Hollis, Putman Memorial—Liberty Church (McCormick), Jefferson County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony*—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 / [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sat., 28th**—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*Georgian Harmony*—93 South Matthews St., Roberta, Georgia—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday of year—Info: [atlantasacredharp.org](http://atlantasacredharp.org)

**Sat., 28th & Sun., 29th**—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: [singings.texasfasola.org](http://singings.texasfasola.org)

**Sun., 29th**—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](mailto:David@davidivey.com)

**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](mailto:skyami89@gmail.com) / [jerilclenney@gmail.com](mailto:jerilclenney@gmail.com)

**Sun., 29th**—Palm Sunday Singing—Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom—10:30 a.m.—Palm Sunday—Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

## **April**

#### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 4th**—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-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 4th**—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: [singings.texasfasola.org](http://singings.texasfasola.org)

**Sat., 4th**—Iowa Singing—St. John Lutheran Church, 600 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa—Info: Michael Moore or [facebook](http://facebook.com)

**Sat., 4th**—Brighton Sacred Harp Singing Day—Exeter Street Hall, Brighton, UK—10:00 a.m.—Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Sat., 4th**—Sweetwater All-Day Singing—Church of the Mediator, 401 NE Cholokka Blvd., Micanopy, Florida

**Sat., 4th**—Dahlonega Singing—Dahlonega Funeral Home, 20 Gibson Rd., Dahlonega, Georgia 30533—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Saturday before the first Sunday in April—Info: atlantasacredharp.org / FB Event

**Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th**—P. Dan Brittain Memorial Singing—West Fork Community Center, 222 Webster Street, West Fork, Arkansas 72774—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp and Missouri Harmony*—First weekend in April—Info: Syd Caldwell

**Sun., 5th**—Easter

**Sun., 5th**—Hugh Bill McGuire Memorial—Bruce Forestry Museum, 109 Public Square, Bruce, Mississippi—Info: shapenotesingings.com

**Sun., 5th**—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*

**Sat., 11th**—Harpeth Valley-Priestley Miller Memorial Singing—Harpeth Presbyterian Church, Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—First Saturday after Easter—Info: trcopes@gmail.com

**Sat., 11th**—Bainbridge Island All-Day Sacred Harp Singing—Seabold Hall, 14450 Komedal Rd, NE, Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110—Info: Kevin Barrans / kbarrans@gmail.com

**Sat., 11th**—State Line Church—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, near Bremen, Georgia—10:00 a.m. EDT—*The Sacred Harp*—Info: Rene Sheppard Greene / Pam Nunn

**Sat., 11th**—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

**Sat., 11th & Sun., 12th**—Potomac River Convention—Washington, D.C. area. Location to be announced.—*The Sacred Harp and The Shenandoah Harmony*—First Saturday and Sunday following in April unless falls on Easter weekend, then the second Saturday and Sunday following.—Info: dcshapenote.squarespace.com

**Sun., 12th**—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., 12th**—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.—

Info: shapenotesingings.com

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 18th**—Paris Singing—Location to be announced.—10:30 a.m.—Saturday before 3rd Sunday in April—Info: leopoldine.guillaume@gmail.com

**Sat., 18th**—Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing—Union Primitive Baptist Church, Goggans, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Johnstonville Road between I-75 and Barnesville

**Sat., 18th**—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., 18th**—Landmark Park Singing—Landmark Park, Dothan, Alabama—Cooper Revision—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

**Sun., 19th**—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., 19th**—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., 19th**—New Haven Singing—New Haven, Connecticut—Info: Ian Quinn

**Sun., 19th**—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., 25th**—Oliver Kindig-Stokes Memorial—York Friends Meetinghouse, 135 West Philadelphia St, York, Pennsylvania—Info: pennsylvaniасacredharp.com

**Sat., 25th**—Golden Gate Singing—San Francisco Bay Area, Location TBD—<http://fasola.org/sf/goldengate/>—Info: chair@bayareасacredharp.org

**Sat., 25th**—Detroit Singing—Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave—9:30 a.m.—Info: Jamie Yeats

**Sat., 25th**—Atlanta Sacred Harp Singing—First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, 470 Candler Park Dr NE, Atlanta GA 30307—10:00 a.m. Singing.

Registration 9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April—Info: atlantasacredharp.org or Andy Ditzler

**Sat., 25th**—New York State Regional (Spring)—Ithaca Friends Meeting House, 120 3rd St., Ithaca, NY 14850—10:00 a.m.—Info: Ginny Huszagh

**Sat., 25th**—Alabama State Cooper Book Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Semi-Annual Session—  
Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

**Sat., 25th**—E.T. White Memorial Singing—Valley Grove Community Center, Cullman, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Exit 306, Interstate Hwy 65,—  
Info: Butch White

**Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th**—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: singings.texasfasola.org

**Sat., 25th & Sun., 26th**—East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention—Village Hall, Kegworth, Leicestershire, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp* 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., 26th**—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., 26th**—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., 2nd**—Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing—Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, (Madison County), Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: David@davidivey.com

**Sat., 2nd**—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* and *Missouri Harmony*—Info: Syd Caldwell

**Sat., 2nd**—Andrews Chapel Singing—1800 Andrews Chapel Rd., Thomaston, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—From Hwy 74 east of Thomaston, turn right on THE ROCK road, go about one mile and turn left on Andrews Chapel Road. If you are traveling west on Hwy 74, turn left on THE ROCK road.—Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: omcguire@pstel.net

**Sat., 2nd**—Charlottesville All Day Singing—St Paul's Episcopal Church, 851 Owensville Rd, Charlottesville, Virginia, Ivy - 15 min drive from Charlottesville—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* and *The Shenandoah Harmony*—Saturday before the first Sunday in May—Info: shapenotesingings.com or FB Events

**Sat., 2nd**—Vermont All-Day Singing—Glover Town Hall, 3018 Glover St., Glover, Vermont—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Potluck lunch will be at the Glover Community Church hall next door (3032 Glover St. ) Glover Street is also part of Vermont Route 16, easily accessed from Interstate 91 in Barton and Route 15 in Hardwick. More details will be forthcoming in the spring. Town Hall and church are both accessible.—Info: FB or vermontshapenotesingers.com

**Sat., 2nd & Sun., 3rd**—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* and Sunday singing from *The Christian Harmony*—Info: poshchair@gmail.com or Portland Sacred Harp on Facebook

**Sun., 3rd**—Heath Memorial—Mabson Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—5 miles east of Ozark on Hwy 36—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

**Sun., 3rd**—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., 3rd**—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., 9th**—Memphis Singing—Grace Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, 838 Berclair Road, Memphis, Tennessee—Info: Matt Bell

**Sat., 9th**—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* and *The Christian Harmony*—Saturday before second Sunday in May—Info: davefarmer@charter.net

**Sat., 9th**—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., 9th**—Mid-Michigan Singing—Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan—Info: fasolamichigan.org

**Sat., 9th**—Bristol Singing—Frenchay Quaker Meeting House, Beckspool Road, Bristol, UK—10:30 a.m.—Info: <http://bristolsacredharp.org>

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 16th**—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., 16th**—Kentucky State Sacred Harp Convention—Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Versailles, Kentucky—Near Lexington—Info: Charles Coulston

**Sat., 16th**—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., 17th**—Cane Creek Church—Cleburne County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—3.5 miles east of Heflin 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., 17th**—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 Ferrys Rd, turn right. Church is on the left.—Third Sunday in May—Info: Charlotte Bishop

**Sun., 17th**—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., 23rd**—Low Country Sacred Harp Society—Charleston, South Carolina—10:00 a.m.—Location to be announced—Info: Charleston Shape Note Singings FB

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—John Merritt Memorial Singing—Old Courthouse Museum, 1008 Cherry Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp, J.L. White Book, Cooper Book, and Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis or Henry McGuire

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—Germany Sacred Harp Convention—Berlin, Germany—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp and Cooper Book*—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May—Info: sacredharpberlin.de/convention or FB

**Sat., 23rd & Sun., 24th**—The Big Singing—Marshall County Courthouse on the Square, Benton, Kentucky—10:00 a.m.—*Southern Harmony, The Sacred Harp*—Info: trcopes@gmail.com

**Sun., 24th**—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., 25th**—Memorial Day

**Mon., 25th**—Memorial Day Singing—Old Paths Bible Church (Siloam Church)—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp 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](http://www.stlfasola.org)

#### *Fifth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st**—Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention—Saturday—Holy Trinity Parish Episcopal Church, 515 East Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur, GA and Sunday—Legacy Park, Hawkins Hall, 500 S Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA—2026 only—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—2027 Return to first fifth Sunday and Saturday before after Labor Day—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

**Sat., 30th & Sun., 31st**—Midwest Convention—Chicago, Illinois—9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., both days—*The Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony*—Info: Randy Neufeld & Susan Geil or [www.chicagosingings.org](http://www.chicagosingings.org)

**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 / jerilclenney@gmail.com

## **June**

### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 6th**—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., 6th**—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., 6th**—Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Memorial singing—Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village Meetinghouse, New Gloucester, Maine—Info: FB

**Sat., 6th**—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., 6th**—Newcastle Singing—St. Francis Church Hall, Cleveland Gardens High Heaton, Newcastle, UK—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Singing held on Saturday following the Whitsun Bank Holiday—Info: sacredharp.uk

**Sat., 6th**—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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., 6th & Sun., 7th**—Oslo Sacred Harp Singing—*The Sacred Harp*—Singing school on Friday evening—Location to be announced—Info: Chris Affolter or sacredharp.uk

**Sun., 7th**—Hill Roane Memorial—Sherman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, Mississippi—On Hwy. 32, 10 miles west of Bruce—Dutch treat: singers bring lunch.

**Sun., 7th**—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., 13th**—Raymond Hamrick Memorial Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—10:00 a.m.—Info: John Plunkett

**Sat., 13th**—Albany All-Day Singing—Burton Hall (East Town Hall), 1071 NY-40, Greenwich, New York 12834—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Saturday before the second Sunday in June—Info: twareh@gmail.com and FB

**Sat., 13th**—Hopewell Homecoming—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Blount County, Alabama—9:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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 / shapenotesingings.com

**Sat., 13th & Sun., 14th**—Northern Shenandoah Valley Double All-Day Singing—Location to be announced—10:00 a.m.—singing from *The Sacred Harp* on Saturday; singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony* on Sunday—Info: FaceBook

**Sun., 14th**—Magic City All-Day Singing—Location to be announced, Birmingham, Alabama 35233—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Second Sunday in June—Info: bhillkennedy@gmail.com

**Sun., 14th**—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

***Third Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 20th**—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., 20th**—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., 20th**—Clermont-Ferrand Singing—Location to be announced, Paris, France—12:00 p.m.—Info: Frederic Eymard, [frederic.eymard@gmail.com](mailto:frederic.eymard@gmail.com)

**Sat., 20th**—Morton Singing—Tiller Arts Center, Morton, Washington—Saturday before the third Sunday in June in alternate years—Info: Kate Fortin

**Sat., 20th**—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: [pennsylvaniасаrcedharp.com](http://pennsylvaniасаrcedharp.com)

**Sun., 21st**—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: [singings.texasfasola.org](http://singings.texasfasola.org)

**Sun., 21st**—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., 21st**—Clifford Wakefield Memorial—Location to be announced.—9:30 a.m.—Info: [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sun., 21st**—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., 21st**—Pleasant Home Baptist Church—6107 Eagle Road, Andalusia, Alabama 36420—9:30 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 27th**—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., 27th**—Oxford Sacred Harp Singing—Botley Women's Institute Hall, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford, UK—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Sat., 27th**—Quilcene Singing—#11 Old Quilcene Rd., Quilcene, Washington 98376—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Last Saturday in June—Info: [olypensacredharp@gmail.com](mailto:olypensacredharp@gmail.com) / FB

**Sun., 28th**—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., 28th**—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.

## **July**

### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Mon., 29th**—Independence Day Singing—Union Methodist Church, Wellington, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Info: Rene Greene

**Mon., 29th - Fri., 3rd**—Camp Fasola—Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—For up-to-date information see [campfasola.org](http://campfasola.org)—Info: David Ivey

**Sat., 4th**—Independence Day

**Sat., 4th**—Pioneer Valley Singing—First Congregational Church Chapel, Sunderland, Massachusetts—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Info: [www.wmshc.org](http://www.wmshc.org) or Linda Shea

**Sat., 4th**—Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day—South Malling Parish Church, Church Lane, Lewes, E. Sussex, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—

Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Sat., 4th & Sun., 5th**—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](mailto:david@davidivey.com)

### ***Second Sunday and Saturday before***

**Fri., 10th & Sat., 11th**—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., 11th**—Victoria All-Day Singing—Dickson Street Space, 35-39 Dickson Street, Newtown, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia—Info: Elaena Gardner / [sydneyshapanote@gmail.com](mailto:sydneyshapanote@gmail.com)

**Sat., 11th**—Scotland Singing—singing will rotate between Edinburgh and Glasgow—Info: [shapenotesscotland@gmail.com](mailto:shapenotesscotland@gmail.com)

**Sat., 11th**—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., 11th & Sun., 12th**—Cullman County Singing Convention—Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Ave., SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—On Hwy 31, three blocks south of intersection of Hwy 31 and Hwy 278—Second Sunday and Saturday before in July—Info: [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sun., 12th**—Montreal All-Day Singing—Sunday, Montreal Centre Culturel Georges Vanier—10:00 a.m.—Second Sunday in July—Info: [montrealsacredharp@gmail.com](mailto:montrealsacredharp@gmail.com)

### ***Third Sunday and Saturday before***

**Thu., 16th**—Capitol City Shape Note Singing—Loeb Reception Center (near Kiwanis Park), 310 Columbus Ave., Montgomery, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*, 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: [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sat., 18th**—Walker County Convention—First Presbyterian Church (PCA), Jasper, AL—Info: Glenn Keeton

**Sat., 18th**—Michiana Singing—Assembly Mennonite Church, 727 New York Street, Goshen, IN 46526—9:30 a.m.—Info: Samuel Sommers

**Sat., 18th**—Melbourne All-Day Singing—Melbourne, Australia—Info: Shawn Whelan/Natalie Sims/sacred\_harp@yahoo.com.au

**Sat., 18th**—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.squizzer@gmail.com

**Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th**—Rocky Mountain Convention—Colorado Session—Location to be announced—9:00 a.m.—Saturday, *The Sacred Harp*, Sunday, *Cooper Book*—Third Sunday and Saturday before in July—Info: coloradofasola@gmail.com or sacredharpcolorado.org or FB

**Sat., 18th & Sun., 19th**—Gwehelog Singing Weekend—Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, nr Usk, United Kingdom—10:00 a.m.—Saturday, *The Sacred Harp*, Sunday, *Christian Harmony*—Third Sunday and Saturday before in July—Info: http://bristolsacredharp.org

**Sun., 19th**—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

#### *Fourth Sunday and Saturday before*

**Fri., 24th - Sun., 26th**—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*, Sunday, DH Mansfield *American Vocalist*—Info: http://maineshapenotesinging.org

**Sat., 25th**—Cotaco Convention—Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church, 2086 Gum Pond Rd. (Morgan County) Eva, Alabama 35621—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 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., 25th**—Covington County Convention—Covington County, Alabama. Location varies each year.—Cooper Revision—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

**Sat., 25th**—Swannanoa Gathering Singing—Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp/Christian Harmony/Southern Harmony*—Coincides with summer programs at college. Be sure to check listings for date changes.—Info: shapenotesingings.com

**Sun., 26th**—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., 26th**—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., 1st**—Chafin, Harbinson, Hollis Memorial Singing—New Prospect Church, Near Bremen, Cullman County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—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.—Saturday before the first Sunday in August—Info: shapenotesingings.com

**Sat., 1st**—Eugene Singing—Eugene, Oregon area, Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—First Saturday in August—Info: Karen Stingle

**Sat., 1st**—Lunsford and Jolly Memorial—Christ Lutheran Church, 4761 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, San Diego, California—Info: bayareasacredharp.org

**Sat., 1st**—Mobile Sacred Harp All-Day Singing—Government Street United Methodist Church, Mobile, Alabama—*The Sacred Harp*, and *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition*—Saturday before the first Sunday in August—Info: Kevin Dyess and shapenotesingings.com

**Sat., 1st & Sun., 2nd**—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., 2nd**—Bulgar-Cockcroft Memorial—Red Oak Church, Hwy 55 between Andalusia and Flora, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

### *Second Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 8th**—Calhoun County Convention—Mount Herman Primitive Baptist Church, near Vardaman, Mississippi—9:30 a.m.—Info: Warren Steel

**Sat., 8th**—Ann Sleeva Memorial Cooper Book Singing—Chicago, Illinois—10:00 a.m.—*Cooper Book*—Info: <http://chicagosingings.org>

**Sat., 8th**—Winchester Singing—Winchester, United Kingdom—*The Sacred Harp*—Info: <http://ukshapenote.org.uk/>

**Sat., 8th & Sun., 9th**—East Texas Sacred Harp Convention—Henderson Civic Center, 1500 Lake Forest Parkway, Henderson (Rusk County), Texas—*Cooper Book*—Info: [singings.texasfasola.org](http://singings.texasfasola.org)

### *Third Sunday and Saturday before*

**Sat., 15th**—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-singings

**Sat., 15th**—B.M. Smith and Philip Denney Memorial Singing—Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton (Carroll County), Georgia—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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., 15th**—Mt. Rainier Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—*Cooper Book*—Info: Karen Willard

**Sat., 15th**—Cocoa Beach Singing—Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minutemen Causeway, Cocoa Beach, Florida 92931—Saturday before the third Sunday in August—Info: [respeer@gmail.com](mailto:respeer@gmail.com) or <https://sites.google.com/view/orlandoafasola>

**Sat., 15th & Sun., 16th**—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*—Info: Caro Stamm-Reusch or [sacredharpberlin@gmail.com](mailto:sacredharpberlin@gmail.com)

**Sun., 16th**—Willard Birthday Singing—Buckley Hall, 127 N. River Ave., (between Main St. and Cottage St. N, Buckley, Washington—Info: Karen Willard

**Sun., 16th**—Cleburne County Convention—This singing has been combined with the Labor Day Singing at Shoal Creek—Info: Cecil Roberts

**Sun., 16th**—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., 16th**—Mt Pisgah/Cedar Creek Singing—Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church, Sylvester, Georgia—*The Sacred Harp*—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: omeguire@pstel.net or Tim Meeks

#### ***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 22nd**—Palo Alto Singing—UU Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, California—Info: bayareasacredharp.org

**Sat., 22nd**—Cork All-Day Singing—St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Dean Street, Cork, Ireland—Info: corksacredharp@gmail.com

**Sat., 22nd**—Floyd County All-Day Singing—Savitz Barn, 326 Dreamers Lane, Floyd, VA 24091—*The Sacred Harp*, and *The Shenandoah Harmony*—Info: chrisfromground2plate@gmail.com or 276-229-2394

**Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd**—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*, and *The Shenandoah Harmony*—Fourth Sunday, Friday and Saturday before in August—Info: torontoshapenote.org / FB

**Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd**—Mississippi State Convention—Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Near Forest (Scott County) Mississippi—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*, *Cooper Book*, *J.L. White Book*, and *Christian Harmony*—Info: Mark Davis

**Sat., 22nd & Sun., 23rd**—Lookout Mountain Convention—Pine Grove Church, Near Collinsville, DeKalb County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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., 29th**—Young People's Singing—Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Saturday before the first fifth Sunday following July 4—Info: shapenotesingings.com

**Sat., 29th**—Maidencreek Friends Meetinghouse—Near Leesport, Berks County, Pennsylvania—Saturday of Labor Day Weekend—Info: pennsylvaniасacredharp.com

**Sat., 29th & Sun., 30th**—Southwest Texas Convention, Fall Session—Jarrell, Texas—*Cooper Book*—Last fifth Sunday before Thanksgiving (August, September, or October)—Info: singings.texasfasola.org

**Sun., 30th**—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., 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 or jerilclenney@gmail.com

**Sun., 30th**—Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing—Island Park, Geneva, Illinois—11:30 a.m.—Always the Sunday before Labor Day—Info: <http://chicagosingings.org>

## **September**

### **First Sunday and Saturday before**

**Sat., 5th**—New Providence Primitive Baptist Church—Ringgold, Louisiana—*The Sacred Harp*, and *Cooper Book*—Info: Robert Vaughn

**Sat., 5th**—Georgian Harmony Singing—Roberta Civic Center, South Matthews Street, Roberta, Georgia—Info: John Plunkett or Oscar McGuire

**Sat., 5th**—Mulberry River Convention—Dodge City Town Hall, Dodge City, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Exit 299 off I-65, follow AL Hwy 69 to the first traffic light, turn left.—Saturday before the first Sunday in September—Info: Danny Creel

**Mon., 7th**—Labor Day

**Mon., 7th**—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

### **Second Sunday and Saturday before**

**Sat., 12th**—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](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 12th**—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*—Saturday before the Second Sunday in September—Info: [davefarmer@charter.net](mailto:davefarmer@charter.net) or [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sat., 12th**—Cape Meares Singing—Community Schoolhouse, Cape Meares, Oregon—Saturday following Labor Day—Info: Betsy Jeronen

**Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th**—United Sacred Harp Musical Association (United Sacred Harp Singing Convention)—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 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—Second Sunday and Saturday before in September—

Info: [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

**Sat., 12th & Sun., 13th**—Sacred Harp Workshop and Singing—Uppsala, Sweden—Info: Hanna Flyckt at [hanna.flyck@ub.uu.se](mailto:hanna.flyck@ub.uu.se)

### **Third Sunday and Saturday before**

**Sat., 19th**—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](mailto:sacredharpnewyorkcity@gmail.com)

**Sat., 19th**—Lee Rogers Memorial Singing—Number 3 Railroad Street, Arnoldsburg, Georgia 30619—10:00 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Info: Mike Spencer [fishman.mds@gmail.com](mailto:fishman.mds@gmail.com)

**Sat., 19th**—Illinois State Convention—Texas Christian Church 8301 Texas Church Rd, Clinton, Illinois 61727—9:30 a.m.—Sacred Harp, and *Missouri Harmony*—Saturday before the third Sunday in September—Info: Mark Gruber [mlgruber78@gmail.com](mailto:mlgruber78@gmail.com) or Ryan Hill [ryanhill98@hotmail.com](mailto:ryanhill98@hotmail.com)

**Sat., 19th**—Middle Creek Convention—Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 19th & Sun., 20th**—United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention—Location to be announced.—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Third Sunday and Saturday before in September—Info: <http://www.ukshc.org>

**Sun., 20th**—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](http://atlantasacredharp.org)

**Sun., 20th**—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., 23rd - Sun., 27th**—Camp Fasola Europe—Cancelled—for up-to-date information see [campfasola.org](http://campfasola.org)—Info: David Ivey

**Sat., 26th**—Mountain Heritage Day Singing—Western Carolina University, Cullowhee (Jackson County), North Carolina—10:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*, and *Christian Harmony*—Always the last Saturday in September—Info: Will Peebles or [wpeebles@wcu.edu](mailto:wpeebles@wcu.edu)

**Sat., 26th**—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., 26th**—Newton Singing—Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02467—10:00 a.m.—*Norumbega Harmony* and *The Sacred Harp*—Info: Sylvia Martin / [norumbegaharmony@icloud.com](mailto:norumbegaharmony@icloud.com)

**Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th**—Rocky Mountain Convention, New Mexico—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in even years—Info: Claire Singleton / Leslie Alperin

**Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th**—Minnesota State Convention—Saturday: Location TBA—Sunday: Shakopee, Minnesota—9:30 a.m.—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before—Info: Matt Wells, [fasolamatt@yahoo.com](mailto:fasolamatt@yahoo.com)

**Sat., 26th & Sun., 27th**—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., 26th & Sun., 27th**—Poland Convention—Warsaw, Poland—  
Info: <http://www.sacredharp86.org>

**Sun., 27th**—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., 27th**—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., 3rd**—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., 3rd**—South Georgia Sacred Harp Singing Convention—Location to be announced.—Info: Oscar McGuire

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

**Sat., 3rd & Sun., 4th**—New Mexico Convention—Location to be announced.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—First Sunday and Saturday before in October—Info: [www.nmsacredharp.com/Convention](http://www.nmsacredharp.com/Convention)

**Sun., 4th**—Alexander, Hullett, Lowe, Brothers, Wootten Memorial—Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, 3596 Airport Road, Altoona, Blount County, Alabama—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 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 / [shapenotesingsings.com](http://shapenotesingsings.com)

**Sun., 4th**—Santa Cruz Singing—Location to be announced.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—First Saturday or Sunday in October—Info: [bayareasacredharp.org](http://bayareasacredharp.org)

### ***Second Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 10th**—Columbia Singing—Dripping Springs Christian Church, 2701 Dripping Springs Rd., Columbia, Missouri—Info: [stlfasola.org](http://stlfasola.org)

**Sat., 10th**—Taylor United Methodist Church—Taylor (Lafayette County), Mississippi—*The Sacred Harp*—8 miles south of Oxford

**Sat., 10th**—Brandywine River Cooper Book Singing—Birmingham Friends Meeting, 1245 Birmingham Rd., West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382—*Cooper Book*—Saturday before the second Sunday in October—Info: [FaSoLaura4@gmail.com](mailto:FaSoLaura4@gmail.com)

**Sat., 10th**—Sadsbury Cooper Book Singing (new name and date)—See Brandywine River Cooper Book Singing—Info: [pennsylvaniاسacredharp.com](http://pennsylvaniاسacredharp.com)

**Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th**—Winston-Salem Convention—Fries Memorial Moravian Church, 251 N Hawthorne Rd. Winston-Salem, NC 27104—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Second Sunday and Saturday before in October—Info: [ncshapenote.org](http://ncshapenote.org)

**Sat., 10th & Sun., 11th**—Harrod's Creek Convention and Bob Meek Memorial—Harrods Creek Historic Baptist Church, 8102 Hwy 329, Crestwood, Kentucky 40014—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* and *Cooper Book*—Second Sunday and Saturday before in October—Info: FB

**Sun., 11th**—Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia—10:00 a.m. EDT—*The Sacred Harp*—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., 17th**—Tri-State Convention—Traveler's Rest Church—*Cooper Book*—654 Traveler's Rest Road, Samson, Alabama 36477—

Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

**Sat., 17th**—Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing—Arlington Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee—9:30 a.m.—Info: Barrett Patton, Emily Stutzman

**Sat., 17th**—Clermont-Ferrand Singing—Location to be announced, Paris, France—Info: Frederic Eymard, [frederic.eymard@gmail.com](mailto:frederic.eymard@gmail.com)

**Sat., 17th**—Andrew's Chapel—Near Thomaston, 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., 17th & Sun., 18th**—New York State Convention—Location to be announced.—Third Sunday and Saturday before in October—

Info: [albanyssacredharp.org](http://albanyssacredharp.org)

**Sat., 17th & Sun., 18th**—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., 18th**—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., 23rd & Sat., 24th**—Alaska Sacred Harp Convention—United Methodist Church, Sitka, Alaska—Friday evening and Saturday—Info: Kari Lundgren

**Sat., 24th**—Seed and Feed Sacred Harp Singing—Location to be announced—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Decatur, Georgia area—Info: atlantasacredharp.org

**Sat., 24th**—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., 24th**—The Rust Memorial Singing—Location to be announced—10:00 a.m.—Info: Bloomingtonsacredharp.org

**Sat., 24th**—Northwest Arkansas Fall Singing—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—Info: Holly Childs, Sydney Caldwell

**Sat., 24th**—Nebraska All Day Singing—Trinity North Lutheran Church, 6340 North 30th St., Omaha, NE 68111—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Info: FB

**Sat., 24th & Sun., 25th**—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*, and Sunday: *Christian Harmony*

**Sun., 25th**—Fayette County Convention—Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette County, Alabama—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—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., 31st**—Dallas Singing—Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, 9027 Midway Rd., Dallas, Texas 75209—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Info: dndross1968@gmail.com

**Sat., 31st**—Velton Chafin and Ozella Blackmon Memorial Singing—Liberty Church (McCormick), Sumiton, Jefferson County, Alabama—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp* and *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., 31st**—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  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles—turn left on Oak Grove Church Road and go about  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Church is on the left

**Sat., 31st**—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.chicagosingings.org>

**Sun., 1st**—Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church—Near Bremen, Carroll County, Georgia—9:30 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 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., 1st**—Southeastern Alabama Convention—Pleasant Grove (Carroll Church), Ozark, Alabama—*Cooper Book*—Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

#### ***Second Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 7th**—Helwig-Coghlan Memorial Singing—Davis United Methodist Church, 1620 Anderson Rd, Davis, California 95616—9:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Saturday before the second Sunday in November—Info: [bayareasacredharp.org](http://bayareasacredharp.org)

**Sat., 7th**—Immanuel Baptist Church—222 Belle Meade Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee—Between Harding Road, U.S. 70, and Harding Place—Info: [trcopes@gmail.com](mailto:trcopes@gmail.com)

**Sat., 7th**—Stapleford Sacred Harp Singing—Stapleford Baptist Church, Albert St, Stapleford, Nottingham, United Kingdom—Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Sat., 7th**—James River Convention—Richmond, Virginia—First Saturday in November—Info: FB Richmond Shape Note Singers

**Sat., 7th**—Berkshire Foothills Singing—Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker Street, Lenox, MA, see [WMSHC.org](http://WMSHC.org)—10:00 a.m.—Info: [wmshc.org](http://wmshc.org)

**Sat., 7th**—All Wisconsin Singing—Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1100 N Astor St, Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Info: Jim Crawford

**Sat., 7th**—Kyneton All-Day Singing—Kyneton Mechanics Institute, 81 Mollison St., VIC 3444 Australia—9:30 a.m.—Info: [sacredharpaustralia.com](http://sacredharpaustralia.com)

**Sun., 8th**—State of Alabama Convention—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—*Cooper Revision*—Info: [sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings](http://sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings)

#### ***Third Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 14th**—West Yorkshire Sacred Harp Day—Holy Trinity Church Parish Centre, Rothwell, Leeds, UK—Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Sat., 14th**—Georgian Harmony Singing—Number 3 Railroad Street, Arnoldsburg, Georgia—Info: Oscar McGuire / [omcquire@pstel.net](mailto:omcquire@pstel.net)

**Sun., 15th**—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., 15th**—Wakefield Memorial—Location to be announced.—Info: [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com)

#### ***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 21st**—Thanksgiving Sacred Harp Singing—Jordans Village Hall, Green Road West, Jordans, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom—10:30 a.m.—Info: [sacredharp.uk](http://sacredharp.uk)

**Sat., 21st & Sun., 22nd**—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: 2025 Edition*—Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November—Info: [shapenotesingings.com](http://shapenotesingings.com) or [David@davidivey.com](mailto:David@davidivey.com)

**Sat., 21st**—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](mailto:David@DavidIvey.com) or 256-258-8660

#### ***Fifth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Thu., 26th**—Thanksgiving Day

**Sun., 29th**—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 jerilclenney@gmail.com

## **December**

### ***First Sunday and Saturday before***

**Sat., 5th**—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., 5th & Sun., 6th**—Florida State Sacred Harp Convention—Location to be announced—*Cooper Book*—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

**Sun., 6th**—Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial—Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Winfield (Marion County), Alabama—*The Sacred Harp*—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., 12th & Sun., 13th**—Georgia State Christian Harmony Convention—Location to be announced—9:30 a.m.—*Christian Harmony*—Info: Mike Spencer or John Plunkett

**Sun., 13th**—Mt. Zion Methodist Church—Mercer County, Kentucky—3:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp 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., 19th**—Christmas Singing—Traveler's Rest Church, Samson, Alabama—Cooper Revision—Info: sacredharpbook.com/calendar-of-singings

**Sat., 19th**—Schoolhouse Singing—Lynd Schoolhouse, 723 North Lynd Rd., Orleans, Indiana—10:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Info: Adrian Eldridge, Erin Fulton

**Sun., 20th**—(No listings)

### ***Fourth Sunday and Saturday before***

**Thu., 24th & Fri., 25th**—Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

**Sat., 26th, 5:30 p.m.**—Barrett's Singing—Liberty Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, Henagar, Alabama—1500 Liberty Road, Henagar, Alabama 35978—  
Info: shapenotesingings.com or FB events

**Thu., 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

<b>First Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, March 28
	Sunday, March 29
<b>Second Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, May 30
	Sunday, May 31
<b>Third Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, August 29
	Sunday, August 30
<b>Fourth Fifth Weekend</b>	Saturday, November 28
	Sunday, November 29

### *First Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)*

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

**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**—Holy Trinity Parish Episcopal Church, Decatur, Georgia—515 East Ponce de Leon Ave.—2027 return to First fifth Sunday and Saturday before after Labor Day—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Info: <https://atlantasacredharp.org/> Lauren Bock or Shawn Taylor

### *Third Fifth Weekend (Regular Singings)*

**Young People's Singing**—Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama—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 & 2025 Editions*—Southside Baptist Church, 19th Street and 11th Avenue South, near Five Points—Info: Tom Booth / Elene Stovall

**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 2, April 6, August 3, and November 2—6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—*2025 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 & 2025 Editions*—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.—*1991 & 2025 Editions*—Senior Center, Ider, Alabama—Info: Tom George, Rodney Ivey

**Jasper:** Saturday night before second Sunday in January—Memorial Singing—*1991 & 2025 Editions*—Mrs. Luther Calvert and Mrs. Jim Woodley—Pleasant Grove Church—Bolton Community—5 miles east of Jasper—Hwy. 69.

**Mobile:** Fourth Friday—6:30-8:30 p.m.—*1991 & 2025 Editions and Cooper Revision*—Government Street United Methodist Church, 901 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604—Info: Kevin Dyess or [facebook.com/MobileSacredHarp](https://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.—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.—Sonora Cohousing—501 E. Roger Rd.—Info: [www.tucsonfasola.org](http://www.tucsonfasola.org)

### *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](http://bayareasacredharp.org)

**Los Angeles (Culver City):** Every Thursday—7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.—*Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony*—Info: David Olson, [david@thirdculture.com](mailto:david@thirdculture.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](mailto: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](mailto:respeer@gmail.com)

**Oviedo:** Every Tuesday—6:00 - 8:00 p.m.—Private Home—  
Info: [respeer@gmail.com](mailto:respeer@gmail.com)

**Pensacola:** Second Friday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—*Cooper Revision*—McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1220 E Blount St, Pensacola—Info: Tim Royappa, 850-384-0359, [aroyappa@hotmail.com](mailto:aroyappa@hotmail.com)

**Tallahassee:** First Friday—7:00 p.m.—*Multiple Books*—Tallahassee Friends Meetinghouse, 2001 S. Magnolia Dr—Info: Morgan Bunch [tallaflala@gmail.com](mailto:tallaflala@gmail.com)

**Tallahassee:** Third Friday—7:00 p.m.—*Cooper Revision*—Tallahassee Friends Meetinghouse, 2001 S. Magnolia Dr—Info: Morgan Bunch [tallaflala@gmail.com](mailto:tallaflala@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](mailto:jim_neal@bellsouth.net), or Amy Wells, [amyarmstrongmidwife@gmail.com](mailto: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, 2025 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](mailto:dawnipawni@gmail.com) [facebook.com/groups/savannahsacredharp/](https://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

## **Idaho**

**Nampa:** First Friday night—6:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp*—Private Home—  
Info: Aaron Weiss, [aaronjweiss@gmail.com](mailto:aaronjweiss@gmail.com)

## **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](http://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.chicagosingings.org](http://www.chicagosingings.org)

**Urbana:** Third Sunday—2:00-5:00 p.m.—University of Illinois School of Music—  
Info: Jonathon Smith or Erik Schwab

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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), [atevenp@gmail.com](mailto:atevenp@gmail.com), or NewOrleansShapeNoteSingings Facebook page

## ***Maryland***

**Baltimore:** Fourth Tuesday—7:00-9:30 p.m.—*Sacred Harp 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](http://www.bostonsacredharp.org)

**Boston (Beacon Hill):** Third Thursdays—7:00-9:00 p.m.—*Sacred Harp 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](http://www.bostonsacredharp.org)

**Greenfield:** Fifth Sundays—1:30-4:30 p.m., location varies—*Cooper Book*—  
Info: Sheila Kelley or [www.wmshc.org](http://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.—*Sacred Harp 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 Borcherding

**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 Personwood 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](http://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.—*Sacred Harp and Missouri Harmony*—Cape Girardeau County History Center, 102 S High St, Jackson, MO—Info: [claytonjhester@gmail.com](mailto: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 and Missouri Harmony*—Info: Paul Figura / [stlfasola@gmail.com](mailto:stlfasola@gmail.com) / Dave Ressler / [www.stlfasola.org](http://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@jamessolheim.com](mailto:jim@jamessolheim.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 [@northcountrysing.com](mailto:@northcountrysing.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](mailto: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/  
albany sacredharp.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, nmb327@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 Bleeker & W. 4th Streets, near 7th Ave. S)—Info: Jason Steidl Jack, jsteidl@sjny.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—2:30-5:00 p.m.—*Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony*—Rochester Mennonite Fellowship Meetinghouse - 111 Hillside Ave. - Rochester, NY 14610 (between Winton Rd. and Norris Dr.)—Info: Thom Metzger 585.467.5192 or Sue Hengelsberg 585.237.3613

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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:** Second Sundays—3:00 - 5:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp and Shenandoah Harmony*—St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2690 Fairlawn Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106—Info: [ncshapenote.org](http://ncshapenote.org) or 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 Sunday—4:00-6:00 p.m.—Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, 15 Clinton Heights Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43202—Info: [www.columbussacredharp.org](http://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](http://daytonsacredharp.org)

## **Oregon**

**Corvallis:** Second Sundays—1:30-3:45p.m.—First Alternative Natural Foods Co-op South Store, 1007 SE 3rd St.—Info: Mark Miller, [mm@if.net](mailto:mm@if.net)

**Corvallis:** Fourth Sundays—1:30-3:45p.m.—Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd St.—Info: Mark Miller, [mm@if.net](mailto:mm@if.net)

**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](mailto:jeronenbetsy@gmail.com)

**Portland:** Every Second Sunday—5:00-7:00 p.m.—*Sacred Harp*—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.—*Sacred Harp*—Cedar Hills UCC, 1169 SW Park Way—Info: Betsy Jeronen, jeronenbetsy@gmail.com

**Portland:** Every Fourth Sunday—3:00-6:00 p.m.—*Sacred Harp*—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](http://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.—*Sacred Harp 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.—*Sacred Harp*—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

**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.—*Sacred Harp*—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.—*Sacred Harp and 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.—*Sacred Harp*—King of Glory Lutheran Church, 1659 Sandy Lane—Info: Chloe Webb

**Houston:** Fourth Sundays—2:00-4:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp and 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-singings, 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:** First Saturdays—10:00-12:00 a.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition and The Shenandoah Harmony*—Universalist Unitarian Church, 717 Rugby Rd., Charlottesville, VA—Info: john.alexanderj@gmail.com

**Charlottesville:** Second Thursday—6:00-8:00 p.m.—*Shenandoah Harmony and Valley Pocket Harmonist*—Private Home—Info: john.alexanderj@gmail.com

**Charlottesville:** Fourth Thursdays—6:00-8:00 p.m.—*The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*—Quaker Meeting House, 1104 Forest St, Charlottesville, VA—Info: john.alexanderj@gmail.com

**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 deRe 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 Saturday—2:00 - 4:00 p.m.—Home of Marla Beth Elliott—Info: Check Olympia Shape Note on FB for details

**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:** Tuesdays, weekly—6:00-8:00 p.m.—St Peters Town Hall—  
Info: sydneyshapenote@gmail.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—*Sacred Harp*—St. Philip Anglican Church, 2928 Eastdowne Rd., V8R 5R8—  
Info: Rosalind Adams (250)929-6113 / vanislesacredharp@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.—*Sacred Harp*—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](http://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](http://www.sacredharpcologne.com/english.html)

**Frankfurt am Main:** Irregularly on Sundays—Info: [sacredharpfrankfurt.de](http://sacredharpfrankfurt.de)

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

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

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

Munchen,—Info: Peter Kocher, [sacredharpmunich](http://sacredharpmunich) on facebook

## ***Holland***

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

Info: [www.sacredharp.nl](http://www.sacredharp.nl)

## ***Ireland***

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

Info: [corksacredharp.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Tokyo.sacred.harp@gmail.com)

## ***Korea***

**Seoul:** Every Saturday—3:00-5:00 p.m.—Seoul Anglican Cathedral—Info: Brian Sears/Phillipa Gowdy/Jaehnig/Tyler Rasch

## ***Norway***

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

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

## ***Poland***

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

Info: Magdalena Gryszyk, 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](mailto: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](mailto:shapenotescotland@gmail.com)

## ***Sweden***

**Uppsala:** Alternate Sundays—7:00 p.m.—Vindhemskyrkan—Info: Zack Lindahl or [sacredharpuppsala.wordpress.com](http://sacredharpuppsala.wordpress.com)

## ***United Kingdom***

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

Info: [www.belfastsacredharp.com](http://www.belfastsacredharp.com)

**Birmingham:** Fourth Thursday monthly—Info: Ian West

**Brighton:** Second Fridays and Last Wednesdays—

Info: [www.brightonshapenote.weebly.com](http://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 listed below are indicated by an abbreviation in parentheses after the number, for example: 517 (WB).

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

## 2025 MINUTES

### ELDRIDGE SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING

Lynd School, Orleans, Indiana

Saturday, December 14, 2024

The 18th annual Eldridge Schoolhouse Singing was called to order by Adrian Eldridge leading 452 and offering a blessing. Selections were generally from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Leaders: Andrew Shaffer 102; Tim Morton 36b; Thomas Koehnline 339; Tom Morton 168; Sarah Ward 148; Clara Herr 106; Beth Garfinkel 186; Ray Rechenberg 40; Sarah Lynne Gershon 122; Keith Seidel 448b; Tim Gregg 60; Jim Herr 310 (SoH); Adrian Eldridge and Sara Colvard 276; Adrian Eldridge, Dave Craig, and Marilyn Craig 354b; Seth Mitter 31t.

#### RECESS

Ray Rechenberg called the class back to order by leading 277. Leaders: Barbara Lehr 448t; Tim Morton and Leesa Eason 457; Andrew Shaffer 284; Tim Morton and Barb Lund 384; Thomas Koehnline 285t; Tom Morton 209; Sarah Ward and Remy Caufield 178; Clara Herr 27; Beth Garfinkel 333 (in honor of Curtis Cook); Sarah Lynne Gershon 273; Ray Rechenberg 312b; Keith Seidel 144; Tim Gregg 59 (SoH); Jim Herr 454; Sara Colvard 49t; Adrian Eldridge and Sara Colvard 16 (SoH); Seth Mitter 313b; Barbara Lehr and Adrian Eldridge 268; Leesa Eason 45t; Andrew Shaffer 288; Tim Morton 318; Thomas Koehnline 38b. Ray Rechenberg asked a blessing on the meal, and the class adjourned to dinner.

#### LUNCH

Tom Morton called the class back to order by leading 294. Leaders: Beth Garfinkel 322 (SoH); Sarah Lynne Gershon 86; Ray Rechenberg 29t; Keith Seidel 495; Tim Gregg 81b. By class request, included in the minutes is an observation shared by Jim Herr before leading: "I've waited a lifetime for this. We just sang Cookham, now we'll sing Edom." He added, "If only there were a tune called Kilham to sing before." Perhaps, in the forthcoming edition. Jim Herr led 200.

Leaders: Sara Colvard 42; Adrian Eldridge 155; Seth Mitter 455; Sarah Ward 504; Barbara Lehr and Thomas Koehnline 319; Leesa Eason 146; Andrew Shaffer 65; Tim Morton 30b; Thomas Koehnline 162; Tom Morton 49b; Sarah Ward 142; Clara Herr 300; Tim Morton and Barb Lund 228 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); Beth Garfinkel 556; Sarah Lynne Gershon and Tim Morton 213b; Ray Rechenberg 399b; Keith Seidel 419; Tim Gregg 371; Jim Herr 385b; Sara Colvard 107; Adrian Eldridge 512; Seth Mitter 163b; Barbara Lehr and Thomas Koehnline 99; Leesa Eason and Tom Morton 59. Announcements were made. The secretary reported a class with twenty leaders representing four states who led a total of seventy-one tunes. Adrian Eldridge closed the singing by leading 347, and Jim Herr offered a final prayer before the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Adrian Eldridge; Secretary—Sarah Ward

### AMERICAN CHRISTMAS HARP SINGING

Olympia, Washington

Saturday, December 28, 2024

The annual *American Christmas Harp* Singing was held at The Evergreen State College Organic Farmhouse in Olympia, Washington, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December. Song selections were from the *American Christmas Harp* and

*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.* The class was called to order by Marla Elliott leading 46 (ACH). Matthew Porter offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jenna Tompkins 90 (ACH); Matthew Porter 84 (ACH); Miranda Elliott Rader 88 (ACH); Ian Suchon 110 (ACH), 78 (ACH); Kate Fortin 62 (ACH); Laura McMurray 100 (ACH), 9 (ACH); Doug Hill 1 (ACH), 544; Anne Huckins 89 (ACH); Eleanor Stevens 155; Deb Koch 38t; Kevin Barrans 31 (ACH), 96 (ACH); Ruth Linehan 74 (ACH), 86 (ACH).

#### RECESS

The second session was brought to order by Marla Elliott and Miranda Elliott Rader leading 48 (ACH). Leaders: Thom Fahrbach 43 (ACH), 19 (ACH); Pippa Stoddard 61 (ACH), 113 (ACH); Steve Cackley 129 (ACH), 130 (ACH); Bob Schinske 42 (ACH), 111 (ACH); Mullen Hamilton 455, 86; Nancy Novotny 29 (ACH), 39 (ACH); Rosie Sokolov 138t, 229; Chris Noren 60 (ACH), 64 (ACH); Karen Willard 116 (ACH), 99 (ACH); Jamie Dawson 306, 180; Thomas Koehnline 186, 146.

Matthew Porter asked a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Marla Elliott leading 81 (ACH).

Leaders: Betsy Jeronen 104 (ACH); Peter Schinske 36 (ACH); Kate Fine 10 (ACH); David Wright 45 (ACH); Kristofer Ilex 122 (ACH); Kristofer Ilex and Emma Schwarz 425; Jack Lofton 2 (ACH), 126 (ACH); Kevin Barrans 114 (ACH); Jennifer Jones 81b, 318; Gedney Barkley 475, 73t; Emma Schwarz 187; Ian Suchon 198, 485; Karen Willard 4 (ACH); Thom Farhbach 120 (ACH); Miranda Elliott Rader 82 (ACH).

#### RECESS

The day's final session was brought to order by Kate Fine leading 68b. Leaders: Rosie Sokolov 482, 61; Anne Huckins 350, 66; Jack Lofton 32 (ACH); Thomas Koehnline 333 (in memory of Curtis Cook); Ruth Linehan 58 (ACH); Pippa Stoddard 18 (ACH), 24 (ACH); Doug Hill 217; Bob Schinske 77 (ACH); Marla Elliott 358; Betsy Jeronen and Thom Farhbach 225b; Gedney Barclay 400; Chris Noren 553; David Wright 546 (ACH); Nancy Novotny 127; Kristofer Ilex 44 (ACH), 279; Eleanor Stevens 457.

A business meeting was held. Mullen Hamilton 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 for arranging, and resolved to meet again next year. Jenna Tompkins gave the secretary's report stating that thirty-two leaders led eighty-two songs. Bob Schinske shared the treasurer's report that expenses had been met. The meeting was closed.

Announcements were made.

Marla Elliott led 162 (ACH) as the closing song replacing the written lyrics with the common lyrics of Auld Lang Syne. Matthew Porter delivered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Marla Elliott; Secretary—Jenna Tompkins

## WOOTTON FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Antioch Baptist Church, Ider, Alabama

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

The class was called to order by Jamey Wootten and Cole Wootten leading 82t. Jamey Wootten, Cole Wootten and Chris Boggs led 31t. Chris Boggs offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cole Wootten and Jamey Wootten 147t; Marty Wootten 318 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Nicholas Thompson 273; Isaac Green 414; Teresa Sailors and David Sailors 203; David Carlton 134; Jonathan Weaver 535; Elyssa Lloyd 49b;

Susan Lee 349; Bill DuPre 385t; Loyd Ivey 511b (CB); Lily Hammond 171; Ezra Lloyd 127; Samuel Williams 534; Karen Rollins and Elijah Harris 345t.  
RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jamey Wootten and Cole Wootten leading 76b. Leaders: David Killingsworth 225t; Elijah Boggs 313t; Deborah Taube 344; Daniel Lee 302; Clayton Boggs 108t; Isaac Lloyd 53; Daniel Bearden 181; Annie Grace Wootten 421; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Elijah Boggs and Ella Kay Bell 100; Tom George and James George 186; Malachi Lloyd 448b; Esther Morgan Ellis 183; Jeremy Wootten 74t; Prisca Rice 145b; Daniel Williams 123b; Emily Stutzman and Terry Wootten 32t. Colby Brown offered the prayer for the meal.

#### DINNER

Jamey Wootten and Cole Wootten led 56t to call the call back to order. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 373; Erica Hinton 74b; Abigail Cannon 187; Barrett Patton 475; Loyd Ivey and Hayden Wootten 283; Matt Hinton 217; Nadia Bolz-Weber 142; Tom George 110; Emily Eddins 213t; Rodney Ivey and Harvey Wilman 48t; Aaron Wootten 40; Brenda Carroll and Rodney Ivey 384 (in memory of Coy Ivey); Mary Hauffman 86; Donna Wootten 290; Pam Nunn 224.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jamey Wootten and Cole Wootten leading 472 (for Sybil Adams). Leaders: Reba Windom 505 (CB); Sarah George 216; Harvey Wilman 38b; Shane Wootten 348b (in memory of Levon Wootten); Terry Wootten 359 (OSH); Jared Wootten 436; Rodney Ivey and Reba Windom 30b (in memory of Noah Lacy); Terry Wootten 176t, 496 (for Louis Hughes); Marty Wootten 526 (WB); Shane Wootten 505 (WB), 478 (CB); Terry Wootten 484 (CB), 67 (OSH); "When I Travel My Last Mile". Announcements were made. Marty Wootten offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Co-Chairmen—Jamey Wootten and Cole Wootten; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

### **CINCINNATI NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING St. John's Unitarian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

The 31st 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: Karen Arnett 344; Joy Dunn 148; Shawn Fenton 501; Tim Gregg 38t; Barbara Lehr and Darrell Lahm 178; Bill McNiece 114; Tim Morton 3b (ShH); Tom Morton 49b; Claire Outten 29t; Ray Rechenberg 40; Shannon Tibbs 535; Samantha Adioetomo 49t; Adrian Eldridge 550; Keith Yutzy 146; Randy Webber 236.

#### RECESS

Randy Webber brought the class back to order by leading 38b. Leaders: Samantha Adioetomo 452; Karen Arnett 147t; Joy Dunn 551; Adrian Eldridge 512; Shawn Fenton 99; Tim Gregg 408t (ShH); Barbara Lehr and Darrell Lahm 354b; Adrian Eldridge 242 (ShH); Bill McNiece 27 (ShH); Tim Morton 431 (ShH); Tom Morton 209; Claire Outten 173; Rich Overturf 373; Ray Rechenberg 454; Shannon Tibbs 260t (ShH); Keith Yutzy 480; Michael Hieber 276; Randy Webber "Morton" (unpublished); Samantha Adioetomo 168; Karen Arnett 264b (ShH). Ray Rechenberg offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Ray Rechenberg led 35 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Joy Dunn 132 (ShH); Shawn Fenton 65; Tim Gregg 263 (ShH); Darrell Lahm 378b; Barbara Lehr

and Adrian Eldridge 268; Adrian Eldridge 426b; Austin Hattori 176t; Bill McNiece 33b; Laura Morton 282; Tim Morton 140b (ShH); Tom Morton 496; Claire Outten 149; Rich Overturf 143; Ray Rechenberg 260b (ShH); Shannon Tibbs 117; Keith Yutzy 503.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Randy Webber leading 28b. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 47b; Chelsea Connolly 542; Karen Arnett 532; Michael Domino 404t (ShH); Joy Dunn 48 (ShH); Adrian Eldridge 278t; Shawn Fenton 228; Tim Gregg 423; Austin Hattori 48t; Darrell Lahm and Barbara Lehr 448t; Keith Yutzy 227; Bill McNiece 547; Tim Morton, Tom Morton, and Laura Morton 163b; Claire Outten 112; Rich Overturf 497; Ray Rechenberg 285t; Shannon Tibbs 162. Shannon Tibbs led 86 as the closing lesson. Following announcements, Randy Webber offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Ray Rechenberg; Secretary—Michael Domino

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

The New Year's Day All-Day Singing was held at Holy Trinity Church, Mapperley, Derbyshire, United Kingdom, and was dedicated to the memory of Simon White. The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading 30t (CB). Michael Walker gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Hannah Land 54t (CB); Tom Sprackland 98 (CB); Barry Parsons 76b (CB); Jacoba Brunel 273 (CB); Michael Walker 306; Richard Mayers 438; Claire Welford 270; Jonathan Stanyon 38t (CB); Erin Johnson-Williams 518 (CB); Chris Brown 315; Sam Carter 140 (CB); Kate Kirwan 210 (CB); Arthur Swindells 186 (CB); Karen Turner 300; John Sprackland 501; Ted Brown 119; Vicki Elliott 131t; Richard Percival 463 (CB); Jo-anne Carlyle 287; Helen Brown 107 (for Gillian White). Grace for the mid-day meal was offered by Jonathan Stanyon.

#### LUNCH

Vicki Elliott called the class back together leading 29t. Leaders: Leilai Immel-Parkinson 176t; Clara Potter-Sweet 114; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 494 (CB); Joyce Smith 30b (CB); Matthew Parkinson 511b (CB); Steve Brett 464 (CB); Jacoba Brunel 486 (CB); Michael Walker 465 (CB); Tom Sprackland 337; Sam Carter 315 (CB); Arthur Swindells 328; Jo-anne Carlyle 47t; Barry Parsons 511; Hannah Land 199 (CB); Richard Mayers 462 (CB); Jonathan Stanyon 47b; Kate Kirwan 448b. The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Turner who spoke about cure and healing. The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Alan and Irene Bown, Chris Coombs, Jess Nock, Adam Barnes, Adrian Turner, Robin Turner, Derek Winstanley, Margaret Steel, Peter Savage, Liz Knowles, and Rob Mahoney.

The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Simon White, Beverly Rollins Thompson, Pat Beaton, Robert Laycock, Janet Wilcox, and Jean Kay. Karen then led 283 (CB) and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: John Sprackland 448t; Richard Percival 143; Claire Welford 587 (CB); Chris Brown 95b (CB).

#### RECESS

Sam Carter led 392 (CB) to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Richard Mayers 412; Julie Russell 178; Steve Brett 147 (CB); Leilai Immel-Parkinson 34t; Ed Johnson-Williams 111b (CB); Clara Potter-Sweet 514 (CB); Matthew Parkinson 572 (CB); Karen Turner 571 (CB); Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 445b (CB); Joyce Smith 373; Michael Walker 279 (CB); Hannah Land 522 (CB); Barry Parsons 39 (CB); Arthur Swindells 191; Erin Johnson-Williams 336t (CB).

Helen Brown led 323t as the closing song. Lee Dunleavy dismissed the class with prayer.

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

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY SINGING**

**Brooklyn, New York**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

About forty-five singers gathered on New Year's Day at the home of Jason Steidl Jack to welcome the New Year. Local folks as well as visitors from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Vermont were in attendance. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp* and *Christian Harmony*.

The class was called to order by Jason Steidl Jack leading 34b. Leaders: Sophie Sokolov 77b; Elsa Bean 65; Harry Bernholz 49b; Chris Griswold 47b; Elsa Bean 48b; Sam Kleinman 48t; Taylor Ward 73t; Rachel Hall 58; Jaime Piedra 40; Alanna Goodman 213t; Sophie Sokolov 283; Sebastian Beaghen 270; Sam Kleinman 228; Elsa Phemayotin 57; Harry Bernholz 282; Leah Weston 217; Rachel Hall 216; Sara Lott 187; Taylor Ward 179; Sebastian Beaghen 36b; Nancy Mandel 35; Rob Arbelo 157; Elsa Phemayotin 319; Marlena Ospina 287. Jason Steidl Jack thanked all who came, and all who brought food and drink to share.

#### **LUNCH**

Sam Kleinman and Sophie Sokolov led 94 (CH) to bring the class to order. Leaders: Sara Lott 548 (CH); Sam Kleinman 61t (CH); Keillor Mose 281b (CH); Sophie Sokolov 16 (CH); Sebastian Beaghen 13 (CH); Elsa Phemayotin 184 (CH); Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 43 (CH); Taylor Ward 346 (CH); Nancy Mandel 265 (CH); Jaime Piedra 146b (CH); Rachel Farber 339 (CH); Rachel Hall 121b (CH); Jason Steidl Jack 172 (CH); Taylor Ward 307 (CH); Sam Kleinman 168b (CH); Hayden Arp 465t (CH).

#### **RECESS**

Nancy Mandel led 99 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Sara Lott 564; Jaime Piedra 466; Sam Kleinman 298; Sam Dembling 31t; Alanna Goodman 547; Rachel Hall 132; Jason Steidl Jack 110; Emma Rose Brown 61; Chris Griswold 209; Sam Kleinman 426b; Marlena Ospina 448b; Sebastian Beaghen 501; Elias Neuman-Donihue 505; Nancy Mandel 548; Sam Dembling 546; Sara Lott 384; Elsa Bean 455; Evan Landon 448t; Clay Zeller-Townson 276; Kevin Beirne 565; Rachel Hall and Sophie Sokolov 425.

Chairperson—Jason Steidl Jack; Secretary—Jasmine Mendoza

### **HAMBURG NEW YEAR'S SINGING**

**Hamburg, Germany**

**Saturday, January 4, 2025**

The Hamburg All-Day New Year's Singing was held at the Ökumenisches Forum HafenCity, Hamburg, on the first Saturday in January, organised by the Hamburg Sacred Harp Group. The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Janna Itter leading 162. Janna gave the opening introduction, welcoming singers from across Germany and from other countries. Tobias Saalmann offered the opening prayer. In the first two sessions song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and the following three sessions song selections were from *The Christian Harmony*.

Leaders: Marcos Sullivan 49t; Chloë Spreadborough 372; Maria Neumann-Fraune 171; Caro Stamm-Reusch 30t; Sebastian Borckenhagen 410t; Paul Kolenbrander 39t; Rike Fischer 29b; Marielle Minutella 178; Caitlin Jay 61; Mara McPartland 112; Inga Buckland 378t; Lucia Ferguson 379; Tobias Saalmann 26; Derek Buckland 123b; Marcos Sullivan 142.

## RECESS

Caitlin Jay brought the second session to order leading 284. Leaders: Bertolt Hering 503; Fynn Titford-Mock 300; Gerben Vos 411; Ulrike Tietjen 423; Maria Neumann-Fraune 528; Caro Stamm-Reusch 397; Sebastian Borckenhagen 70b; Paul Kolenbrander 299; Marielle Minutella 223; Chloë Spreadborough 442; Maria Neumann-Fraune 547; Inga Buckland 570; Rike Fischer 448t; Lucia Ferguson 65; Tobias Saalmann 173; Janna Itter 424.

## RECESS

Marcos Sullivan brought the third session to order leading 109 (CH). Leaders: Fynn Titford-Mock 15 (CH); Chloë Spreadborough 50 (CH); Gerben Vos 61t (CH); Marielle Minutella 87 (CH); Ulrike Tietjen 155 (CH).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Derek Buckland who reflected on the safe haven and support that the Sacred Harp singing community can provide to people experiencing troubles. He commented on the way small acts of kindness can have a real impact, and the way we can support each other as a caring community. Chloë Spreadborough read the following names of the sick and housebound: Cäcilia Mann, Dominik Fraune, Rojana Wings, and Julia Sievert.

Inga Buckland read the following list of names of the deceased: Dan Burk, Jeff Begley, Uschi Nolte, Henry Guthery, Chloë Webb, Volker Tietjen, Georg Balkenhol, and Irene Peters. There was then a period of silence remembering all those people. Derek Buckland closed the lesson by leading 86t (CH).

Leaders: Caro Stamm-Reusch 417b (CH); Paul Kolenbrander 91 (CH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 207t (CH); Inga Buckland 51 (CH); Tobias Saalmann 473 (CH); Marcos Sullivan 332 (CH); Janna Itter 346 (CH). Marcos Sullivan gave thanks before the lunch break.

## LUNCH

The post-lunch session began with Derek Buckland leading 184 (CH). Leaders: Gerben Vos 453t (CH); Sara Hellström 145b (CH); Fynn Titford-Mock 167 (CH); Marielle Minutella 86b (CH); Marcos Sullivan 13 (CH); Chloë Spreadborough 36b (CH); Ulrike Tietjen 215 (CH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 1 (CH); Paul Kolenbrander 70b (CH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 165 (CH); Inga Buckland 481 (CH); Tobias Saalmann 49 (CH); Derek Buckland 143 (CH); Sara Hellström 262 (CH); Fynn Titford-Mock 438 (CH); Gerben Vos 261 (CH); Marielle Minutella 537 (CH); Chloë Spreadborough 534 (CH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 55t (CH); Marcos Sullivan 410b (CH).

## RECESS

Chloë Spreadborough began the final session of the day leading 121t (CH). Leaders: Marcos Sullivan 121b (CH); Tobias Saalmann 299 (CH); Paul Kolenbrander 146b (CH); Mara McPartland 393b (CH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 55b (CH); Inga Buckland 261b (CH); Fynn Titford-Mock 180 (CH); Sara Hellström 276 (CH); Gerben Vos 457b (CH); Marielle Minutella 492t (CH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 507t (CH).

Janna Itter thanked everyone for an excellent day of singing and community. Lucia Ferguson gave the Treasurer's report, announcing that all expenses had been met. Announcements were made. The Secretary reported that eighty-one songs had been sung by twenty-nine singers, with twenty people leading, from five registered countries (Germany, the Netherlands, USA, Sweden, Norway).

As the closing song, Janna Itter led 97 (CH). Inga Buckland offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Janna Itter; Secretary—Chloë Spreadborough

## SHADY GROVE ANNUAL SINGING

Double Springs, Alabama

Sunday, January 5, 2025

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church was held on the first Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 64. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 166, 391; Judy Chambliss 82t; Jeff James 46, 47t; Zena Tucker 348b, 566; Louise Yeager 426b, 480; Tom Booth 344, 460; Nancy Phillips 68b, 112; David Godsey 455 (in memory of his father, Ted Godsey); Mike Hankins 168, 477; Laurie Keeton 59, 354b.

### RECESS

Glenn Keeton led 104 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Robert Chambliss 235; Brenda Chafine 216, 209; Anne Steel 217, 145b; Butch White 29b, 28b; Roma Rice 327, 225t; Danny Creel 234, 145t; Rodney Ivey 421, 384; Chris Ballinger 84, 512; Linda Booth 198, 218.

### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 72b. Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 189, 434; Chuck Howell 569b, 373; Larry Ballinger 119, 528; Cassie Allen 131b, 336; Warren Steel 57, 396; Ken Tate 183, 411; Henry McGuire 38t, 442; Amber Davis 224, 142; Amber Davis and Nicholas Thompson 192 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon); Lisa Geist 492, 472, 440, 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Cassie Allen 196; Warren Steel and Anne Steel 285t; Danny Creel 269; Jeff James 457.

Glenn Keeton and Nicholas Thompson led 267 as the closing song. Chuck Howell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

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

## CENTRAL FLORIDA SINGING

### St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida

Saturday, January 11, 2025

The 2nd annual 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. Esther Morgan-Ellis taught a singing school covering the basic rudiments to both honor the tradition and welcome new singers, leading 49t, 49b, 209, and 207 as teaching examples.

### RECESS

Rachel Speer called the class together by leading 59. Leaders: Dean Jens 565; Dorothea Maynard 442; Vik Slen 48b; Skylar Strickland 89; Derek Buckland 101b; Lily Hammond 504; Zena Tucker 31t; David Rosenberg 36b; Miriam Delirium 39t; David Ivey 152; Ellen Fournier 86; Esther Morgan-Ellis 532; Inga Buckland 481; Jean Rosenberg 466; José Camacho 37b; Kerry Cullinan 164.

### RECESS

Miriam Delirium and Sam Adioetomo called the class together leading 335. Leaders: Dorothea Maynard 318; Rachel Speer 189; David Saylor 203; Inga Buckland 421; Jean Rosenberg 299; Teresa Saylor 209; Derek Buckland 308; Zena Tucker 178; David Rosenberg 268; Lily Hammond 38b; Kerry Cullinan 38t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 95.

For the memorial lesson, Rachel Speer led 176b to remember the following deceased: Bill Dayton, Bill Fellinger, Dan Burk, Jeff Begley, Uschi Nolte, Henry

Guthery, Chloe Webb, and Tommie Spurlock and the following sick and homebound: Patti Davis, Donnal Carlson, Ken Hallock, Cácia Mann, Pat Morse, Art Crummer, and Morgan Bunch. Michael Shuman offered prayer to bless the meal.

#### LUNCH

Lily Hammond began the afternoons session by leading 146. Leaders: Skylar Strickland 426t; David Ivey 80b; Derek Buckland 126; Kerry Cullinan 348t; José Camacho 417; Jean Rosenberg 198; Inga Buckland 415; Teresa Saylors 47b; David Rosenberg 474; Miriam Delirium 472; David Saylors 183; Ellen Fournier 162; Sam Adioetomo 151; Esther Morgan-Ellis 141; Vik Slen 236; Lily Hammond 455; Dean Jens 486.

#### RECESS

Michael Shuman led 337 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Rachel Speer 275t; Dorothea Maynard 383; David Ivey 407; José Camacho 163b; Sam Adioetomo 430; Kerry Cullinan 501; Lily Hammond 454; Derek Buckland 323b; Teresa Saylors 274t; Skylar Strickland 361; Esther Morgan-Ellis 373; David Rosenberg 34b; Inga Buckland 271t; Ellen Fournier 495; David Saylors 349; Jean Rosenberg 254; Miriam Delirium 448t; Vik Slen 66; Dean Jens 429.

Rachel Speer offered thanks to all who attended, and special thanks to Esther Morgan-Ellis for leading the singing school; to David Ivey, José Camacho, and Esther Morgan-Ellis for keying; to Dean Jens for arranging; and to Michael Shuman for hosting the singing and evening social at St Paul's.

After announcements, the officers joined to lead 62 as the closing song. Michael Shuman offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Rachel Speer; Secretary—Dean Jens

### **CHICAGO ANNIVERSARY SINGING Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois Sunday, January 12, 2025**

The 41st Chicago Anniversary Singing was held at Kilbourn Park Fieldhouse, Chicago, Illinois, on the second Sunday in January. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Ginny Landgraf leading 77b. Jim Swanson led the opening prayer. Leaders: Dave Barford 37b; Brady Santoro 27; Randy Neufeld 171; Jim Helke 271t; Michael Mosley 235; Lori Gruber 101t; Scott Stieg 455; Mark Bruns 480; Mark Bowman 344; Megan Dunning 76b; June Murphy 361; Susan Geil 565.

A business session was held to elect, appoint, or announce previously appointed officers and committee members as follows: Chairman—Dave Barford; Secretary—Brady Santoro; Arranging Committee—Eileen Ferguson, Jim Swanson; Kitchen Committee—Susan Geil; Finance Committee—Brady Santoro; Chaplains—Jim Swanson, Ginny Landgraf; Workshop Leader—Matthew Siebert; Resolutions—Lisa Grayson.

#### RECESS

Eileen Ferguson brought the class back to order leading 84. Leaders: Scott Luscombe 38t; JoDell Albi 163b; Wendy Wahn 472; Marian Mitchell 299; Sidra Schkerke 142; Steve Warner 34b; Erik Schwab 317; Cecilia Kramer 47b; Martha Beverly 532; Molly Whedbee 288; Anne Missavage 485; Anne Heider 189; Terry Cunningham 81t; Jim Swanson 353; Ginny Landgraf 547; Randy Neufeld 236; Michael Mosley 454.

#### RECESS

June Murphy brought the class back to order leading 318. Leaders: Luke Patterson 31t; Lisa Grayson 411; Jim Helke 196.

The memorial lesson was offered by Dave Barford. He led 122 and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Debbie Barford, Janet Fraembs, Robert Grayson, Rochelle Lodder, Eric Morgan, Scott Paeth, and John Seaton.

He also read the following list of names of the deceased: Terry Barber, Jeff Begley—California; Jeff Glenn, Nora O'Donnell—Illinois; Kelly Bowman, Tammy Hicks-Syron, Nixon and Ann McMillan—Michigan; Ted Lewis—Minnesota; Christian Camlin—Missouri; Mary Kregness—Ohio; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Mary Owen Grayson, Todd Siefert—Wisconsin. Dave led 147t and offered prayer. Leaders: Brady Santoro 28t; Lori Gruber 314; Scott Stieg 159; Mark Bruns 540; Mark Bowman 99; Dan Nickel 335; Susan Geil 474; Megan Dunning 148; Eileen Ferguson 504; Judy Hauff joined by phone and delivered a greeting to singers; Scott Luscombe 481. Jim Swanson offered grace before the meal.

#### LUNCH

Jim Swanson brought the class back to order leading 145t. Leaders: JoDell Albi 110; Wendy Wahn 56b; Marian Mitchell 47t (for John Seaton); Sidra Schkerke 448t; Steve Warner 86; Erik Schwab 495; Cecilia Kramer 39t; Martha Beverly 210; Molly Whedbee 141; Anne Missavage 362; Casey Doe 117; Anne Heider 198; Matthew Siefert 550; Terry Cunningham 192; Ginny Landgraf 433; Lisa Grayson 528; Luke Patterson 123b; Randy Neufeld 496; Michael Mosley 475.

#### RECESS

Jim Helke called the class back to order leading 503. Leaders: Cecilia Kramer 157; Mark Dawson 476; Mark Bruns 203; Scott Stieg 155; Anne Missavage 430; Brady Santoro 513.

The Founders' Lesson was presented by Terry Cunningham, Kris Richardson, and Wendy Wahn. In celebration of nearly a half-century of Sacred Harp singing in Chicago, they led 501.

Leaders: Marian Mitchell 112; Martha Beverly 384; Mark Bowman 178; June Murphy 93; Jim Swanson 197; Matthew Siefert 183; Lisa Grayson 378b; Sidra Schkerke and Erik Schwab 214, 209.

The Arranging Committee and Secretary presented their reports to the class. Lisa Grayson delivered resolutions, recognizing the various committees and resolving to meet again on the second Sunday in January, 2026.

Dave Barford thanked everyone who contributed to the singing and fellowship, leading 347 as we took the parting hand. Ginny Landgraf dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Dave Barford; Secretary—Brady Santoro

### ROVING SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING

Lewes, East Sussex, United Kingdom

Saturday, January 18, 2025

The 5th annual roving singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony* was held at South Malling Parish Church, Lewes, East Sussex, United Kingdom on Saturday before the third Sunday in January. The class was called to order by Jan Geerts leading 125.

Leaders: Rachel Jordan 43t; Ian Lamb 5t; Ron Hollman 457; Jill Thompson 140b; Nick Hall 127; Eleanor Callaghan 23; Joss Tait 429; Sheila Girling Macadam 414b; Arthur Swindells 254; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 27; Jo-anne Carlyle 156; Robin Bisson 260t; Jan Geerts 264b; Sarah Hill 113; Anne Altringham 114.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Constance Des Marais leading 3b. Leaders: Edwin Macadam 420b; Eimear Maguire 132; Sara Hellström 230; David Fenton-Smith 170; Mella Tönnies 322; Teresa Maguire 3t; Tom Oldham 124; Clara Potter-Sweet 404t; Scarlett Lassoff 373; Tom Sprackland 15; Milly Murphy 1b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 344t; Victoria Grigg 120b; Chris Affolter 416; Nick Hall 310; Susanne Rolli 95; Claire Welford 118; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 105; Amy Cutts 407; Baker 112; Rowan Simms 243; Anne Eringa 120t; Erin Johnson-Williams 204.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ed Johnson-Williams leading 226. Leaders: Stacy Hackner 242; Sebastian Borckenhagen 70t; Saara Pakarinen 278; Wail Qasim 326b; Petra Ertl 364b; Iain Paxon 363; Rachel Jordan 147; John Bealle 142; Eleanor Callaghan 41; Greg Carson 424t; Sheila Girling Macadam 378b; Kostas Mavreas 287; Ian Lamb 22b; Eloise Clark 294; Joss Tait 146; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 104t; Anne Altringham 403; David Fenton-Smith 200; Constance Des Marais 305.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Nell Percival and Sarah Hill leading 397.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 348b; Baker 422; Sara Hellström 334; Eimear Maguire 241t; Christopher Tedd 418b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 304; Saara Pakarinen 238; John Bealle 269; Tom Sprackland 340t; Sebastian Borckenhagen 368; Wail Qasim 270; Petra Ertl 366; Anne Eringa 227; Claire Welford 12b; Eloise Clark 9b; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 168; Stacy Hackner 428; Clara Potter-Sweet 332; Arthur Swindells 54; Robin Bisson 76t.

Announcements were made by Jan Geerts, who thanked all who made the fifth annual roving all day singing from *The Shenandoah Harmony* possible. Anne Altringham reported that there were sixty-four registered attendees from six countries, and eighty-three songs were sung.

Jan Geerts led 418t as the closing song. Ian Lamb offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Jan Geerts; Secretary—Catherine Roberts

**ALL-CALIFORNIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION**

**Harrison Recreation Center, Alameda, California**

**January 18-19, 2025**

**Saturday, January 18**

The 37th session of the All-California Sacred Harp Singing Convention met in Alameda, California. It was especially poignant to gather as the Los Angeles wildfires were still burning, with many in the class worried or grieving for homes, friends, family and community.

The class was called to order by Al Grindon leading 49t. He gave the sad news that the beautiful venue where we sang together in 2024, in his home town of Altadena, has been completely destroyed in the Eaton Fire.

Jim Friedrich offered the opening prayer. Chairperson Carolyn Deacy was ill and unable to attend. Acting chairperson J.T. Harechmak chaired a business meeting, with the following officers appointed to serve: Vice Chairperson—David Elsenbroich; Chaplain—Jim Friedrich; Treasurer—Chris Thorman; Secretary—Hannah Blair.

Leaders: J.T. Harechmak 276; David Elsenbroich 37b; Hannah Blair 384; Jim Friedrich 547; Zenon MacKinnon 178; Helen Cepero 282; Dami Osoba 50t; Sumie Arnold 472; Wren Hyde 102; Taylor Sullivan 125; Mary Rose O'Leary 528; Midge Harder 35; Fred Wilkey 474; Brian How 114; Linnea Sablosky 290.

RECESS

Mark Godfrey led 317 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Jonas Powell 216; Elizabeth Poss 148; Pat Coghlan 214; Yarrow Syskine 133; Stuart Wheeler 285b; Jeff McLeod 271b; Laurie Burk 131t; Peter Stenshoel 235; Aida Veliz 551; Ben Rempel 404; Jerry Schreiber and Mairyre Bates 362; Suzanne Cafilisch 111b; David Olson and Paul Hsi 30t; Chris Thorman 475; Sarah Rose Hill 142; Gerry Hoffman 232.

RECESS

Rebecca Edwards and Celestine Ratsch-Rivera led 105 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Sean Francis Conway 445; Bob Schinske 328; Kate Fine 454 (in honor of Cornelia Stanton); Kathy Manning 436; Kevin Barrans 203; Ruth Linehan 352; Evelyn Lamb 76b; Abigail Cannon 234; Carrie Walker 532; Pippa Stoddard 197; Ian

Suchon 522; David Wright 193; Thom Fahrbach 388; Stephanie Fida 302; Sam Thomas 481; Jennifer Jones 377; Derek Buckland 160b; Andy Ditzler 269. Jim Friedrich offered a prayer before dinner on the grounds.

RECESS

David Schmitt led 81t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Judy Van Duzer 29t; Jenna Tompkins 143; Elizabeth Stoddard 57; Betsy Jeronen 499 (in memory of her sister); Blake Sisemore 411; David Brodeur 383; Jamie Ross 162; Nicholas Thompson 304 (in memory of his great uncle); Rosie Sokolov 213t; Kelsey Ivey 536; Inga Buckland 146; Mitchell Gustin 123b; Julia Zaffarano 500; Rachael Geary 30b; Robert Stoddard 179; Paul Landskroener 485; Richard Ivey 546; Catherine Van Duzer 182.

RECESS

Michael Hagerty led 414 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Nadia Bolz-Weber 171; R. Anuhea Sebstad 82t; Jim Solheim 270; Carol V. Crawford 354t; Deb Koch 84; Myles Alexander 53; Paul Chamberlain 195; Nell Whitman 99; Mike Chaffin 370; Lucy O'Leary 299; Andrea Tzvetkov 48t; Esteban Veliz and Annalise Veliz 306; Ian Philips 268; Mary O'Brien 95.

J.T. Harechmak led 400 as the closing song. Jim Friedrich asked a blessing. Members of the Revision Committee led those of the class who wished to stay in a short session of songs under consideration for the forthcoming new edition of *The Sacred Harp*.

**Sunday, January 19**

Jim Friedrich led 163t to call the class to order, and offered the opening prayer. Leaders: J.T. Harechmak 196; Heather Purdy 38b; Paul Kostka 273; Ellen Lueck 204; Joseph Coghlan 494; Lindy Groening 422; Gerry Hoffman 430; Julia MacMillan and James Welsch 282; Jeremy Knight 448t; Rachel O'Leary 448b; Inder Khalsa 300; Susan Widule 277; Beatrix Baker and Dave Barber 56b; Lizzie Sanders 227; Hugh McGuire 201; Jenny Solheim 442.

RECESS

Leah Coffin led 29t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Jim Solheim "Schmidgall"; Alexander Cotton 350; Al Grindon 174; Stuart Wheeler and Olivia Babuka Black 29b; Midge Harder and Catherine Baldridge Horne 340; Lucy O'Leary 112; Pippa Stoddard 134; Nadia Bolz-Weber 34b; Chris Thorman 495; Nell Whitman 535; Mike Chaffin 280; Mitchell Gustin 543; Judy Van Duzer 48t (in honor of Claire Singleton's birthday); Robert Stoddard 283; Betsy Jeronen 392; Michael Hagerty 138t; Jenna Tompkins 228; Deb Koch 175.

RECESS

Leigh Cooper and Leon Godfrey led 32t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Jim Crawford and Mary Crawford 183; Sean Francis Conway and family 101t; Paul Landskroener 213b; Pat Coghlan 492; David Schmitt 564; Derek Buckland 308; Elizabeth Stoddard 534.

The Memorial Committee gave lessons in commemoration of those who could not be with us. Mary Rose O'Leary led 516 for the sick and homebound, talking of those we see regularly at singings but never speak to, and encouraging us all to make that first move toward friendship.

Linda Selph led 70t for the memorial lesson, remembering in particular three much-missed Bay Area singers. We sang in memory of Barbara Adair, Susan Fatcho, Kirston Koths, Dan Burk, Stephen Judge, Jeff Begley, Brandon Jamaal Sampson, Raul Enrique Carter—California; Mary Owen Grayson, Robert Crawford—Wisconsin; Mike Garrett—Arizona; Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery, Ozella Blackmon, Jack Ivey, Julia Poston, Chris Shepherd, Tommie Spurlock—Alabama; Fable—Louisiana; Richard Van Dyk, Ken Burk, Reed Schilbach—Washington; Susan Smith—Oregon; Brian Alexander—New York; Laverne Lewis, John Van

Duzer—Colorado; Frank Fraembs—Illinois; Chloe Webb—Texas; Bob Goodman, Martha Ann Stegar, Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia; Greg Raycraft—Michigan; Tom Tucker, Christian Schlegel—Pennsylvania; Frankie Galipeau—Vermont; RuthAnn Bryant, Rob Strayhorn—Florida; Ron Woodland—Massachusetts; Rob Mahoney, David Gee—United Kingdom.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 507 (in memory of Darrell Swarrens and Josie Hyde); Julia Zaffarano 440; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 396; Rachael Geary 542; David Brodeur 192. Jim Friedrich asked a blessing for our dinner on the grounds.

RECESS

Thom Fahrbach led 309 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Carrie Walker 434; Bob Schinske 456; Jennifer Jones 186; David Wright 371; Kathy Manning 168; Abigail Cannon 187; Sam Thomas 189; Andy Ditzler 447; Kevin Barrans 101b; Stephanie Fida and Eric Byrd 372; Jamie Ross 245; Blake Sisemore 373; Ruth Linehan 319; R. Anuhea Sebstad 58; Evelyn Lamb 491; Carol V. Crawford 540; Kate Fine 361; Samantha Adioetomo 151; Myles Alexander 538; Rosie Sokolov 348b; Inga Buckland 449.

RECESS

Elizabeth Poss led 312b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Ian Suchon 269; Catherine Van Duzer 121; Peter Stenshoel 480; Laurie Burk 455; Ben Rempel 229; Jerry Schreiber and Gioia Fonda 473; Chih-Ching (Dill) Ma 24b; Fred Wilkey 236; Joel Chan and Jonathan Scher 133; Paul Chamberlain 438; Suzanne Caflisch 73t; Sumie Arnold and Wren Hyde 505; Sarah Rose Hill 288; Jeff McLeod 145t; Andrea Tzvetkov and David Elsenbroich 335; Linnea Sablosky 419; Peter Ross 344; Brian How 117.

A business meeting was held during which we resolved to meet again in January 2026, on the third Sunday and Saturday before, in the Los Angeles area—may it rise from the ashes, even more vibrant than before. Resolutions committee Inga Buckland and Rachel O'Leary thanked the many people whose hard work and generosity made our gathering sweet. After many invitations to singings near and far, Jim Friedrich offered a prayer to close a fine weekend of radiant bands of music, sympathizing tears, and friendship like a drawing band. J.T. Harechmak, David Elsenbroich and Hannah Blair led 347, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Carolyn Deacy; Acting Chairperson—J.T. Harechmak; Vice Chairperson—David Elsenbroich; Secretary—Hannah Blair

### **JACKSONVILLE SINGING St. John's Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Florida Saturday, January 25, 2025**

The 1st Jacksonville All-Day Singing was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, Florida, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January. Vik Slen called the class together by leading 59. Maddie Hilt offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 40; Rachel Speer 48t; Dean Jens 354t; Vik Slen 48b; Karen Lee-Duffell 49t; Erick Rubio 47t; Kevin Juarez 99; José Camacho 565; Maddie Hilt 282; Anna Strickland 334; Dorothea Maynard 319; Ray Rechenberg 203; Rachel Speer 573; Dean Jens 377; Vik Slen 95; Karen Lee-Duffell 361; Erick Rubio 441; Kevin Juarez 390; José Camacho 348t; Anna Strickland 145b.

RECESS

José Camacho called the class back together by leading 175. Leaders: Maddie Hilt 300; Dorothea Maynard 442; Rachel Speer 410b; Erick Rubio 47b; Vik Slen 66; Ray Rechenberg 68b; Kevin Juarez 313b; Anna Strickland 49b; Dean Jens 275t; Maddie Hilt 455; José Camacho 274t; Karen Lee-Duffell 311; Dorothea Maynard 383; Erick Rubio 169.

RECESS

Rachel Speer led 30b to bring the class back to order. For the memorial lesson, Rachel Speer led 176b to remember the following deceased: Jason Braddok, Nancy Lynn Agnew, Tommie Spurlock, Paula Cerrato, Wanda Yon, and Sherri Gold; and the following sick and homebound: Lynn Healey, Ed Walkton, and Sarah Beasley. Leaders: Anna Strickland 354b; Vik Slen 81t; Ray Rechenberg 277; Kevin Juarez 142; Dean Jens 174; José Camacho 168; Charlie Bell 479; Karen Lee-Duffell 80b; Dorothea Maynard 507; Erick Rubio 163b; Rachel Speer 505; Anna Strickland 146; Ray Rechenberg 29t.

#### RECESS

Dorothea Maynard began the afternoon session by leading 73t (CB). Leaders: Kevin Juarez 323b (CB); Dean Jens 71 (CB); Maddie Hilt 505 (CB); Charlie Bell 59 (CB); Dorothea Maynard 137 (CB); Anna Strickland 393 (CB); Rachel Speer 511t (CB); Erick Rubio 411 (CB); José Camacho 380b (CB); Vik Slen 239 (CB); Ray Rechenberg 38t (CB); Kevin Juarez 514 (CB); Dean Jens 563 (CB).

#### RECESS

Anna Strickland called the class back to order by leading 571 (CB). Leaders: Maddie Hilt 268t (CB); Karen Lee-Duffell 492 (CB); Charlie Bell 427 (CB); Dorothea Maynard 559 (CB); Anna Strickland and Erick Rubio 54t (CB); Erick Rubio 128 (CB); José Camacho 269 (CB); Vik Slen 449 (CB); Rachel Speer 380t (CB); Kevin Juarez 112 (CB). Announcements were made.

Maddie Hilt led 208 as the closing song, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Vik Slen; Secretary—Dean Jens

## **WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Fort Worth, Texas**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

The 39th annual William J. Reynolds Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Cowden Hall, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, on the last Saturday in January. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Tim Reynolds leading 59. Dr. Marcus Brown welcomed the singers and gave some introductory remarks. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 84; Gaylon Powell 142, 300; Allison Langston 171, 39t; Jerry Ryan 47b, 145t; Kristie Powell 500, 501; Cory Winters 76b, 299; LuAnn Thomas 63, 65; Robert Vaughn 349, 71.

#### RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together leading 66. Leaders: Chelsea Miller 107, 504; Marc Brown 85; Jesse Latimer 376, 269; John Hoerr 189, 448b; Ivy Hauser-Hall 49b, 89; Tristan Gordon 432, 433; Gaylon Powell 223, 45t; Allison Langston 306, 162; Jerry Ryan 358, 408; Kristie Powell 542, 33b; Cory Winters 312b, 232; LuAnn Thomas 40, 46; Robert Vaughn 48t, 75; Josiah Broussard 268.

#### LUNCH

Tim Reynolds led 148 to begin the afternoon session 148. Leaders: Gaylon Powell 149, 272; Allison Langston 67, 203; Jerry Ryan 317, 480; Kristie Powell 430, 30b; Tim Reynolds 472; Mariano Gongora 56b; Robert Vaughn 290, 58; Chelsea Miller 178, 277; Cory Winters 353, 236; John Hoerr 270, 102; Ivy Hauser-Hall 227, 545; Tristan Gordon 345b, 111b; Jesse Latimer 481, 81t; Gaylon Powell 209; Allison Langston 319; Jerry Ryan 274t; Kristie Powell 155; Mariano Gongora 159; Robert Vaughn 297; Chelsea Miller 318; Cory Winters 112; John Hoerr 29b; Ivy Hauser-Hall 445; Tristan Gordon 460; Jesse Latimer 192. After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 86 as the closing song.

Chairman—Dr. Marcus Brown; Vice Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Secretary—Josh Junyor

# AUSTRALIAN SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Erskineville Town Hall, Sydney, Australia

January 25-26, 2025

Saturday, January 25

The 8th Australian Sacred Harp Singing Convention in Australia was held at the Erskineville Town Hall, Sydney, on the weekend closest to Australia Day. The outgoing Chairperson, Shawn Whelan, led 77b. The incoming Chairperson, Meg Quinlisk, welcomed singers and offered an Acknowledgement of Country to the Gadigal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which the Convention was held. Caitlin McHugh offered the opening prayer.

A brief business session was held and the following officers were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Meg Quinlisk; Vice Chairperson—Lachlan Warner; Registration and Arranging Committee—Thomas MacDonald and Ruby Foster; Treasurer—Caro Wormell; Secretary—Lauren Reader; Food Committee—Angharad Davis and Lachlan Warner.

Angharad Davis taught an introductory singing school on the history and traditions of Sacred Harp singing, including its use as a pedagogical tool. The singing school included singing of 45t.

Leaders: Ruby Foster 40; Lauren Reader 47t; Caro Wormell 49t; Shawn Whelan 49b; Meg Quinlisk 159; Natalie Sims 354t; Chris Phillips 276; Caitlin McHugh 162; Derek Buckland 28b; Morag Logan 148; Thomas MacDonald 65; Inga Buckland 39b; Peter Rayner 67; Angharad Davis 57; Ruby Foster 417.

RECESS

Meg Quinlisk led 30t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lauren Reader 91; Caitlin McHugh 31t; Shawn Whelan 70b; Peter Rayner 113; Angharad Davis 96; John Gill 282; Inga Buckland 223; Silvia Da Rocha 278t; Caro Wormell 504; Derek Buckland 122; John Gill and Brittany Gill 209; Thomas MacDonald 406; Morag Logan 452; Natalie Sims 76b; Chris Phillips 339; Ruby Foster 294; Meg Quinlisk 506; Lauren Reader 512. Caitlin McHugh offered a blessing before the meal.

LUNCH

Lauren Reader led 228 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Thomas MacDonald 240; Chris Phillips 528; Ruby Foster 553; Shawn Whelan 383; Derek Buckland 126; Caitlin McHugh 127; Lyndal McRae 274t; Peter Rayner 84.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Caitlin McHugh. The following sick and shut-ins were named: David Macpherson, Robin Price, Guinefort, Les Reader, John White, Annette White, Ken Hallock, Cäcilia Mann, Macduff, Margaret Davis and Rhiannon Davis. Caitlin McHugh led 86.

The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Tom Whelan, Rob Mahoney, Dan Burk, Jeff Begley, Uschi Nolte, Henry Guthery, Chloe Webb, Moi Chen Tee, Michael Kennedy, Sarah Grube, Alex Renwick, Anne Martin, James Walsh, Betty Staley. Caitlin McHugh led 70t.

Leaders: Angharad Davis 82b; Inga Buckland 109; Silvia Da Rocha 547; Caro Wormell 348t; Morag Logan 189; Natalie Sims 318; Meg Quinlisk 454; Lauren Reader 299.

RECESS

Thomas MacDonald led 245 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Chris Phillips 183; Ruby Foster 263; Shawn Whelan and Philippa Stevens 542; Caro Wormell 277; Caitlin McHugh 173; John Gill 146; Angharad Davis 292; Natalie Sims 112; Kate Reid 451; Peter Rayner 155; Morag Logan 120; Inga Buckland 308; Derek Buckland 123b; Silvia Da Rocha 216; Shawn Whelan and Meg Quinlisk 532; Lauren Reader 99; Melanie Albrecht 535; Shawn Whelan and Lachlan Warner 323b; John Gill 480. Meg Quinlisk thanked those who worked to make the first day of the convention happen. Announcements were made. Meg Quinlisk led 340 as the closing song.

### **Sunday, January 26**

The Sunday session of the Australian Sacred Harp Convention commenced with a walking tour of significant buildings, statues, memorials, gardens and sculptures in Sydney, led by Angharad Davis and Meg Quinlisk. The following songs from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Shenandoah Harmony* were sung: 155, 121, 91 (ShH), 156 (ShH), 26, 172, 391, 545, 127, 117, and 437. After the walking tour, the class reconvened at Erskineville Town Hall.

#### **LUNCH**

Leaders: Meg Quinlisk 138b; Caitlin McHugh 134; Peter Rayner 324; Caro Wormell 198; Angharad Davis 550; Natalie Sims 193; Morag Logan 442; Inga Buckland 44; Chris Phillips 143; Thomas MacDonald 254; Kate Reid 434; Shawn Whelan 236; Derek Buckland 95; Ruby Foster 204; Silvia Da Rocha 300; Lauren Reader 260; Caitlin McHugh and Elizabeth Gray 457.

#### **RECESS**

Meg Quinlisk led 380 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Caitlin McHugh 398; Peter Rayner 71; Caro Wormell 178; Angharad Davis 225t; Chris Phillips, Lauren Reader, Peter Rayner, Morag Logan, Shawn Whelan, Natalie Sims and Melanie Albrecht 344; Derek Buckland and Inga Buckland 70b; Kate Reid and Silvia Da Rocha 38b; Chris Phillips, Caro Wormell and Meg Quinlisk 92.

Meg Quinlisk thanked all those who attended the convention and contributed to its success, particularly those who had travelled from overseas and interstate to attend. Thanks were expressed to officers and committee members for their work to support the convention.

The Secretary reported that twenty-six singers attended the convention. Twenty-three leaders from two Australian states and territories and three countries led ninety-five songs.

The Treasurer reported that donations made during the convention were sufficient to cover the costs of convention expenses and any surplus would be used to support Sacred Harp singing activities as needed.

Announcements were made, and it was resolved to gather again next year in Melbourne on the weekend closest to Australia Day to reconvene the Australian Sacred Harp Convention.

Meg Quinlisk, Lauren Reader and Caro Wormell led 62. Caitlin McHugh offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Meg Quinlisk; Vice Chairperson—Lachlan Warner; Secretary—Lauren Reader

### **BILL GREEN MEMORIAL BALDWIN COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION (COOPER BOOK) Galilee Primitive Baptist Church, Stapleton, Alabama**

**January 25-26, 2025**

**Saturday, January 25**

The Bill Green Memorial Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was held at Galilee Primitive Baptist Church on the fourth weekend in January. The class was called to order by Mary Amelia Taylor leading 293b. She gave a warm welcome to all in attendance and led 63 in memory of deceased singers who were faithful for many years to attend the singing. The opening prayer was offered by Ken Kelley.

Leaders: Tim Taylor 47t, 77t; Ken Kelley 99, 567; Kevin Dyess 380t, 559; Tim Royappa and Ben Fink 45b; Tim Royappa and Stanley Smith 268b; John Kelley 335, 100; Charlotte Naylor 159, 155; Will Kelley 108t.

#### **RECESS**

Mary Amelia Taylor brought the class back to order leading 31b. Leaders: Russ Scholz 87, 293t; Anne Royappa 106, 133; Joshua McCoy 264t, 38t; Isabella

Segalovich 300; Isabella Segalovich and Ben Fink 239; DeAna Autry and Brooke Autry 393, 348t.

#### RECESS

Mary Amelia Taylor brought the class back together leading 54t. Leaders: Danny Creel 355, 514; Stanley Smith 515, 501; Russ Scholz 81; Ben Fink 41, 327; John Kelley 405, 282; Ken Kelley 464; Tim Taylor 563, 504; Will Kelley and Ken Kelley 491; Tim Royappa 543; Tim Royappa and Stanley Smith 140; Kevin Dyess 48b. Mary Amelia Taylor led 369, and Tim Taylor offered a prayer for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Mary Amelia Taylor leading 82. Leaders: DeAna Autry 276, 274t; Ben Fink 386, 486; Danny Creel 404, 98; Anne Royappa 196, 203; Charlotte Naylor 115, 186; Farrell Stearns 518; Isabella Segalovich 47b, 505; Joshua McCoy 336t, 162; Charlie Harner 72; Anne Royappa 131t, 131b; Joshua McCoy 507b; Kevin Dyess 142. Announcements were made. Mary Amelia Taylor led 95b for Nancy Hogan. Danny Creel offered the closing prayer.

Saturday, January 25, 6:00p. m.

*The Christian Harmony* (2010) singing was brought to order by Mary Amelia Taylor leading 322. Leaders: Joshua McCoy 133; Stanley Smith 186; Joshua McCoy 303; Tim Taylor 417b; Farrell Stearns 54; Ben Fink 339; Isabella Segalovich 117; Mary Amelia Taylor 64; Joshua McCoy 507b; Tim Taylor 214; Stanley Smith 203, 336t; Farrell Stearns 107; Ben Fink 432b; Isabella Segalovich 165; Joshua McCoy 143.

#### RECESS

Without an adequate supply of loaner books, the class elected to finish the session with the Harp of Ages, found in the church. Leaders: Joshua McCoy 307; Stanley Smith 65-1/2; Isabella Segalovich 102; Tim Taylor 127; Mary Amelia Taylor 126; Joshua McCoy 371; Stanley Smith 397. Ben Fink led 409 as the closing song. Tim Taylor dismissed the class with prayer.

### Sunday, January 26

The Sunday morning session of the Bill Green Memorial Baldwin County Sacred Harp Convention was called to order Mary Amelia Taylor leading 48t and 36t. The opening prayer was offered by Kevin Eddins. Leaders: Tim Taylor 384, 270; Brian Kelley 99, 58; Stanley Smith 418 (for Nate Green), 539; Ezra Eddins 553, 207b; Ken Kelley 497, 86; Ryan Bowman 50b, 300; Jake Kelley 60, 505.

#### RECESS

Mary Amelia Taylor brought the class together leading 77t. Leaders: Kevin Eddins 507t, 89; Will Kelley 392, 108t; Eric Eddins 159, 411; Isabella Segalovich and Ben Fink 235, 87; Nicole Bowman 112, 380t; Ewan Eddins 385t, 285t; Stefani Priskos 380b, 133; Elam Eddins 176b, 168; Jamie Kelley 140, 146; Eli Eddins 138t, 47t; Jamey Wootten 378t, 29b; Ethan Eddins 461, 444t; Emily Eddins 44, 292b.

The memorial committee was recognized to present the memorial lesson. Stanley Smith read the names of the sick and shut-ins as follows: Wayne Jones, Tim Jones, Nate Green, Agnes Farris, and Mazal Horesh. Smith spoke of the community that binds singers together, and the generations of singers who sustained this singing and others for decades.

Smith also read the names of the deceased which included Tommie Spurlock and Billy Kelley—Alabama. Ken Kelley led 572 in memory of his father, Billy Kelley. Ken described his father's final days and the comfort that Sacred Harp songs gave him and his family. Stanley Smith led 183 in memory of Tommie and Margaret Spurlock, and closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ben Fink 520, 546; Daniel Williams 383, 441; Brian Kelley and Jake Kelley 404; Elliott Eddins 31t, 73t. Mary Amelia Taylor led 369, and Ken Kelley offered the blessing for the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Mary Amelia Taylor brought the class back together leading 515. Leaders: Ewan Eddins 511b; Stefani Priskos 39; Ken Kelley 466; Elam Eddins 276; Jamey Wootten 563; Eli Eddins 507b; Brian Kelley 335; Tim Taylor 391; Hannah Ladesic and Stefani Priskos 132; Eric Eddins 49t; Emily Eddins 293b (for Chris Nicholson); Jake Kelley 119; Ezra Eddins 82; Ethan Eddins 364; Daniel Williams 399; Edith Eddins 131b; Kevin Eddins 107; Elliott Eddins 121. Announcements were made. Tim Taylor and Mary Amelia Taylor led 527 as the closing lesson. Tim Taylor offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman and Secretary—Mary Amelia Taylor

## KEYSTONE SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Bareville Fire Hall, Leola, Pennsylvania

January 25-26, 2025

Saturday, January 25

The 24th annual Keystone Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before at the Bareville Fire Hall, Leola, Pennsylvania. Patti Davis called the class to order by leading 34b. Matt Drumheller offered the opening prayer. The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Jeff Shenk; Vice Chairpersons—Emily Raffensberger and Matt Drumheller; Treasurer—Matt Kaufmann; Secretary—Elizabeth Patton.

Leaders: Jeff Shenk 569b; Emily Raffensberger 105; Matt Drumheller 47b; Ruth Wampler Hissong and Dennis Hissong 279; Elizabeth Patton 322; Anna Melton 498; Roger Kurtz 334; Greg Holt 84; Ted Stokes 141; Susan Loucks 68t; Julian Bender 183; Barbara Hohenstein 37b; Keith Fullerton 542; Erika Wilson 564; Kyle Johnston 162; Miriam Delerium 163t; Ina Shea 86 (for Tricia, Keti, and Clara Sensor).

RECESS

Hayden Arp called the class to order leading 82t. Leaders: Leon Pulsinelle and Guy Bankes 344; Ellie Knickman 89; Doron Henkin 192; Nancy Tkacs 99; Brenda Dunlap 328; Joyce Forry 101t; Lamar Matthew 35; Doug Kurtze 362; Katie Browne 290; Rachel Hall 411; James Griffin 49t; Hal Kunkel 304; David Schulman 276; Lindsey Falbo 65; David Brodeur and Gillian Inksetter 171.

RECESS

Kyle Johnston called the class to order leading 38t. Leaders: Matt Kaufmann 452; Ben Zaiger 503; Marlena Ospina 240; Kevin Slaughter 159; Sebastian Beaghen 193; Laura Densmore 384; Gwen Gethner 385t; Sam Dembling 56b; Jocelyn Kurtze 112; Jim Glaser 438; Marie Brandis 446; Eleanor Womack and Michaela Natal 312b; Tarik Wareh 386; Leah Weston 442; Rob Arbelo 383; Jasmine Mendoza 217; Landon Peer 333. Matt Drumheller offered the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Hollie Long called the class to order leading 30b. Leaders: Lily Hammond 455; Névé Dumas 81t; Sam Ellenberger 500; Becky Wright 456; Andy Ditzler 550; Anne Evers 197; Penny Henzel Lavine 551; Molly-Claire Gillett and Wendi Shetler 460; Bridge Hill Kennedy 391; Ariana Roberge 203; Esther Morgan-Ellis 198; Indigo Miccichè 300; Nathan Ferguson and Indigo Miccichè 106; Gillian Inksetter 392; Esther Phemayotin 376; Jonathan Kadar-Kallen 513; Rachel Farber 337.

RECESS

Ted Stokes called the class to order leading 495. Leaders: Jason Jack 501; Kobi Bordoley 430; Sam Kleinman and Frank Brito 31t; Charles Biada 545; Michaela Natal 546; Sophie Sokolov 316; Pete Sandeen 178; Corinne Ducey 270; Patti Davis 87; Hayden Arp 336; singers from Georgia and Alabama 196; Montreal singers 38b; Ontario singers 117.

Jeff Shenk, Elizabeth Patton, Emily Raffensberger, and Matt Drumheller led 69t as the closing song. Matt Drumheller dismissed the class with prayer.

### Sunday, January 26

The Sunday session of the Keystone Convention was called to order by Jeff Shenk leading 34b. Leon Pulsinelle offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Elizabeth Patton 360; Leon Pulsinelle 426t; Nancy Tkacs 350; Joyce Forry and Jeff Geib 30t; Kyle Johnston 61; Doron Henkin 179; Barbara Hohenstein 553; Erika Wilson 73b; Hal Kunkel 380; Rachel Hall 60; Jim Glaser 486; Miriam Delerium 76b; Jared Shetler 373; Tom Stokes 441; Molly Sauder 569b; Brenda Dunlap 573.

#### RECESS

Hayden Arp called the class to order leading 88t. Leaders: Charles Biada 367; Tarik Wareh 388; David Brodeur 466; Laura Densmore 549 (for Bernard Collard, one of the first singers to sing Sacred Harp in the United Kingdom, and who decorated the books), Ted Stokes 214; Emily Raffensberger 168; Susan Loucks 29t; Sam Adioetomo and Hollie Long 171; Jocelyn Kurtze 327; Matthew Kaufmann 406; Keith Fullerton 445; Marlena Ospina 472; Lily Hammond 448t; Sebastian Beaghen 163b.

#### RECESS

Sophie Sokolov called the class to order leading 144. Sophie Sokolov led 70t in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Bradley Sweek, Dan Phemayotin, Gina Balestracci, Benjamin Gruber, Elena Coles, Pleasance Crawford, Tricia Sensor, Jackie Mitchell, Benilda Serrano, Lyn Koehnline, Billy Vaughn-Geib, Debbie Hall, Jim Hall, John Ryden Nelson, Joyce Walton, Cornelia van den Doel, Betsy Lyman and Hannah Kaya.

Scott Robinson conducted the memorial lesson, and led 410t in honor of the following deceased: Henry Guthery, Julia Poston, Earl Ballinger, Tommie Spurlock, Malik Williams, Frank Hill Jr., Ozella Blackmon, and Jack Ivey—Alabama; Jeff Begley, Terry Barber, Susan Fetcho, and Dan Burk—California; Bob Goodman and Martha Ann Stegar—Georgia; Andres Archila and Yuting Chen—Maryland; Greg Raycraft—Michigan; Grace Chappell and Sue King—New Jersey; Suellen Leonard, Norman MacAfee, and Angela Engelson—New York; Katherine Ernst—North Carolina; Tom Tucker, Karen Hohenstein, John Hohenstein, Gilbert Sier, Phyllis Sier, Rita Taylor, Donelle Raffensberger, Evelyn Hissong, Randy Schlegel, Donna Ceschan and Daniel Wert—Pennsylvania; Chloe Webb—Texas; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Norma Geggie and Darryl Ferguson—Quebec; Michael Kennedy—Ireland; Rob Mahoney and Bernard Collard—United Kingdom.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 434; Marie Brandis 150; Penny Henzel Lavine and Liam Myce 535; Leah Weston 318; Jill Clough and Evan Landon 146; Guy Bankes 50t; Rob Arbelo 454; Indigo Miccichè 504; Gwen Gethner 101b; Pete Sandeen 288; Ariane Roberge 378b; Kobi Bordoley 348b. Jim Glaser offered the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Erika Wilson called the class back to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 263 (for Kevin Kennedy and in memory of Michael Kennedy); Jasmine Mendoza 189; Marie-Claire Gillett 142; Anne Evers 269; Becky Wright 419; Bridge Hill Kennedy 212; Gillian Inksetter 422; Esther Morgan-Ellis 361; Jason Jack 277; Rachel Farber 558; Nathan Ferguson 175; Michaela Natal 314; Sam Ellenberger 381; Kobi Bordoley 348t; Sam Kleinman 475; Corinne Ducey 396; Névé Dumas 400; Elsa Phemayotin 70b.

#### RECESS

Miriam Delerium and Rachel Rudi called the class back to order by leading 129. Leaders: Matt Drumheller 532; Harry Bernholz 227; Landon Peer 229; Brenda Dunlap and Andy Ditzler 169; Lily Hammond 58; Indigo MIccichè and Liam Myce 313b; Arianna Roberge and Névé Dumas 278t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 110; Gillian Inksetter 527.

Following announcements, Matt Kaufmann, treasurer, reported that all expenses were met. Elizabeth Patton gave the secretary's report. There were one hundred sixty-one songs led by ninety-two leaders on Saturday and Sunday. There were one hundred thirty-seven singers registered from eleven states, the District of Columbia, and two Canadian provinces.

Jeff Shenk, Emily Raffensberger, Matt Drumheller, and Elizabeth Patton led 62 as the closing song. Matt Drumheller offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jeff Shenk; Vice Chairpersons—Emily Raffensberger and Matt Drumheller; Treasurer—Matt Kaufmann; Secretary—Elizabeth Patton

## DAHLONEGA SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Dahlonega, Georgia

Saturday, February 1, 2025

The 2nd annual Dahlonega *Shenandoah Harmony* Singing was held at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Dahlonega, Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 123. Moriah Miller offered the opening prayer. All song selections are from *The Shenandoah Harmony*.

Leaders: Caroline Barron 344t; Rachel Speer 187b; Dave Farmer 316t; Jacob Lindler 126; Miriam Delirium 12t; Brayden Whitley 260t; Tim Morton 305; Andy Ditzler 389; Judy Mincey 366; Tim Gregg 263; Lisa Bennett 288t; David Brodeur 260b (for Don Bowen), David Smead 204; Dick Patterson 222; David Carlton 373b; Jim Neal 57; Moriah Miller 264b; Shawn Taylor 128; Esther Morgan-Ellis 278 (for Syd Caldwell).

RECESS

Esther Morgan-Ellis brought the class back to order leading 422. Leaders: Cooper Sandefur 200; Rachel Speer 381; David Brodeur 242; Judy Mincey 243; Jim Neal 4, Moriah Miller 183; Tim Morton 25; Jacob Lindler 22b; Shawn Taylor 79; Miriam Delirium 198; Caroline Barron 67; Dick Patterson 171; Lisa Bennett 156; Tim Gregg 178; David Carlton 81; Brayden Whitley 264t; Dave Farmer 300t; Andy Ditzler 238; David Smead 426.

LUNCH

Rachel Speer brought the class back to order leading 385. Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 254; Jim Neal 361b; Dick Patterson 78; Lisa Bennett 202; Miriam Delirium 414b; Andy Ditzler 384 (for Joanna Bennett), Jacob Lindler 246b; Judy Mincey 367; Brayden Whitley 446b; Caroline Barron 66; Tim Morton 133; Shawn Taylor 404; David Carlton 434t; David Smead 418b; Dave Farmer 161; Tim Gregg 124; Rachel Speer 158t (for Dwight Speer), David Brodeur 41; Cooper Sandefur 43b.

RECESS

Dick Patterson brought the class back to order leading 137. Leaders: Dick Patterson 137; Jacob Lindler 259; Brayden Whitley 164; David Carlton 324; Dick 453; Esther Morgan-Ellis 140b; David Brodeur 403b; Miriam Delirium 287; Dave Farmer 371; Judy Mincey 165; Jim Neal 197; Tim Gregg 265; Lisa Bennett 30; Tim Morton 39; David Smead 370; Rachel Speer 143; Andy Ditzler 266; Shawn Taylor 420; Caroline Barron 35; Cooper Sandefur 224. Announcements were made.

Tim Gregg led 309 as the closing song. Moriah Miller offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Esther Morgan-Ellis; Vice Chairperson—Cooper Sandefur; Secretary—Caroline Barron

**NEW ORLEANS SINGING**  
**St. Luke's Assembly of God, New Orleans, Louisiana**  
**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

The annual New Orleans All-Day Singing was held at St. Luke's Assembly of God, New Orleans, Louisiana, on the first Saturday in February. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The class was brought to order by Ateven Snderson leading 127.

Leaders: Stina Soderling 83t; Nicole Bowman 112; Charlotte Naylor 209; Rowan Marye 319; Tristan Gordon 68b; Nancy Van Den Akker 49b; Howe Pearson 89; Deanna Autry 421; Kevin Dyess 480; Jonathon Smith 131b; Ateven Snderson 388; Nicole Bowman 384; Rowan Marye 63; Charlotte Naylor 63; Tristan Gordon 155. RECESS

June Murph led 83t to bring the class together. Leaders: Nancy Van Den Akker 445; Porter Lontz-Underhill 198; Stina Soderling 142; Ivy Hauser-Hall 373; Patrick Dedaw 477; Jonathon Smith 200; Nathan Harrison 36b; Howe Pearson 452; Kevin Dyess 40; Nicole Bowman 300; June Murph 361; Penny Henzel 551; Tristan Gordon 101b; Charlotte Naylor 495; Ateven Snderson 84; Rowan Marye 85; Stina Soderling 542; Porter Lontz-Underhill 448t; Nathan Berry 399b; Patrick Dedaw 141; Howe Pearson 335.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Nathan Berry. Nathan read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Janice Gilligan, Sasha Hsuczyk, and Laura Jane. He led 229.

Nathan Berry read the following list of the deceased: Barbara Gilligan—Wisconsin; Robert Marye, Dr. Laurence Kitchens, Esther Huckabee—Texas; Ruth Chase—Florida. Nathan led 176.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Nicole Bowman leading 276. Leaders: Ateven Snderson 361; Deanna Autry 277; Ivy Hauser-Hall 417; Jonathon Smith 411; Robert Bruce 146; Nathan Harrison 288; Daron Douglas 423; Kevin Dyess 39b; Kathy Randels 448b; Patrick Dedaw 383; Porter Lontz-Underhill 183; Nancy Van Den Akker 178; Tristan Gordon 441; Rowan Marye 168; Stina Soderling 162; June Murph 98; Charlotte Naylor 349; Nathan Berry 377; Howe Pearson 327; Daron Douglas 47t.

**RECESS**

Rosemary Minasian and Daron Douglas brought the class back to order by leading 284. Leaders: Amanda Zapp and Daron Douglas 47b; Kevin Dyess and the Mobile singers 196; Nathan B.D. 56b; Finn and Howe Pearson 354t; Nicole Bowman 159; Patrick Dedaw 512; June Murph 501; Daron Douglas and Amanda Zapp 49t; Tristan Gordon 29b; Nathan B.D. and Amna 410t; Ateven Snderson and Rosemary Minasian 318.

Ateven Snderson thanked all the out of state singers for coming to the first all day singing in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina. Nancy Van Den Akker spoke about the history of shape note singing in the city. Howe Pearson gave the Secretary's report stating that thirty-two leaders representing nine states led eighty-four songs. Announcements were made.

Ateven Snderson led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ateven Snderson; Vice Chairman—Howe Pearson; Secretaries—Ateven Snderson, Rowan Marye, and Nancy Van Den Akker

**ROTUNDA SINGING**  
**Montgomery, Alabama**  
**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

The 27th annual session of the Rotunda Singing convened in the main lobby of the Alabama Department of Archives & History on Saturday before the first Sunday in February. Four song books were used: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*; *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision*; *The Christian Harmony*; and *The Colored Sacred Harp*. Stefani Priskos called the class to order leading 131b. She gave a warm welcome to all in attendance on behalf of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture and the Alabama Folklife Association. Jeff James offered the morning prayer.

Song selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Stefani Priskos 49t; Joey Brackner 48b; Tim Taylor 228; Ann Riley 178; Chris Parris 421; Brenda Chafin 336; Jeff James 31t.

Song selections from *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision*. Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 567 (CB); Danny Creel 514 (CB); Elsa Phemayotin 507b (CB); Will Fitzgerald 98 (CB); Nancy Hogan 520 (CB); Robert Chambliss 440b (CB); Ann Jett 515 (CB); Oscar McGuire 293b (CB).

**RECESS**

Emily Eddins brought the class back together leading 367 (CB). Leaders: Bill Hogan 76b (CB); David Ivey 140 (CB); Jonathan Wever 38b (CB); Elliot Eddins 121 (CB). Song selections from *The Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Cindy Tanner 54 (CH); Sam Wright 372 (CH); Samuel Sommers 170 (CH); David Daniel 184 (CH); Jeff James 546b (CH); John Plunkett 261b (CH); Nancy Hogan 432b (CH); Tim Taylor 417b (CH).

**RECESS**

Song selections from *The Colored Sacred Harp*. Joey Brackner brought the class to order leading 24 (CSH). Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 95 (CSH); Bill Hogan 4 (CSH); Steve Grauberger 18 (CSH); Samuel Sommers 78 (CSH); John Plunkett 12 (CSH); Stanley Smith 87 (CSH), “Lord Give Me Just a Little More Time”; Mary Huffman 65 (CSH). Jeff James offered prayer before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The first afternoon session began with song selections from *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision*. Leaders: Stefani Priskos 68t (CB); Alice Sundberg 166 (CB); Cindy Tanner and Margaret Thacker 505 (CB); Edith Eddins 76t (CB), 77t (CB); Charlotte Bishop 229 (CB); Ewan Eddins 288 (CB); Chris Parris 559 (CB); Steve Grauberger 127 (CB).

Song selections from *The Christian Harmony*. Leaders: Ann Jett 149 (CH); Will Fitzgerald 16 (CH); Stanley Smith 64 (CH); Danny Creel 186 (CH); Elsa Phemayotin 171 (CH); David Daniel 253 (CH); Sam Wright 182 (CH).

**RECESS**

Song selections from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 515; Arlon Gardner and Bryant Phillips 49b; Arlon Gardner and David Ivey 285t; Ewan Eddins 171; Dalton Cates 282; Bridge Hill Kennedy 284; Sophia Gardner 277; Becky Briggs 335; Jonathan Wever 535; Alice Sundberg 74b; Ann Riley 209; Bridge Hill Kennedy 192; Will Fitzgerald 149; Samuel Sommers 24b; Bill Hogan 532, 475. Announcements were made.

Stefani Priskos and Mary Amelia Taylor led 62 as the closing song. Jeff James offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Stefani Priskos; Arranging—Mary Huffman; Secretary—Mary Amelia Taylor

**BURNHAM AND BROWN MEMORIAL SINGING**  
**Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama**  
**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

The annual Burnham and Brown Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held in the Wesley Student Center on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Kathy Williams leading 31t. She welcomed the class and visitors. The morning prayer was offered by Denney Rogers.

Leaders: Tom George 60; Judy Caudle 166 (in memory of Julia Poston); Pam Nunn 269 (for Reba Windom, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, and Margaret Thacker); Nicholas Thompson 216 (for Reba Windom and Betty Shepherd); Rebekah Gilmore 440; Bert Collins 542; Winfred Kerr 500; Terry Wootten 389; Sharon DuPriest 189; Jim Neal 84; Robert Chambliss 303 (in memory of Virginia Futral); Shawn Taylor 368; Cindy Tanner 498; Tim Gregg 79; Cecil Roberts 58; Andy Ditzler 411 (for Joanna Bennett); Abigail Cannon 336; Oscar McGuire 181; Loyd Ivey 89; Anna Hinton 203; Glenda Collins 76b; Dill DuPre 83b; Bridge Kennedy 400; Elene Stovall 187.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Tom George and James George leading 345t. Leaders: Richard Ivey 80b; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 298; Elsa Phemayotin 70b; Mamie Sisemore 37b; Rodney Ivey 299 (for Deb Morton); Matt Hinton 112; Tim Morton 275b; Alexa Silverman 504; Rene Greene 200; David Brodeur 528; Jamey Wootten 378b; Will Fitzgerald 270; David Smead 193; Jesse P. Karlsberg 550; Judy Chambliss 209; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Shane Wootten 138t (in memory of B.J. Harris); Larry Brasher and Louise Brasher 68b; Samuel Sommers 184; Jeannette DePoy 129; Lauren Bock 188; David Ivey 283; Philip Gilmore 300; Lisa Bennett 183; Stefani Priskos 406; Sarah George 340; Joyce Forry 480; Nathan Rees 407; Blake Sisemore 285t (in memory of Betty Wright); Ruth Wampler Hissong 384. Terry Wootten asked a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Tom George leading 421. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 534; Elsa Phemayotin 426t; Tim Morton 172; Joyce Forry 101t. The memorial lesson was held at this time. The sick and shut-ins list included Joyce Walton, Betty Shepherd, Margaret Thacker, Ed Thacker, Reba Windom, Deb Morton, David Light, Jack Nelson, Wanda Capps, Margaret Keeton, Nate Green, Pleasance Crawford, Darrell Parker, and Ernestine Parker. The deceased list included Virginia Futral, Julia Poston, Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery, William Futral, Malik Williams, and Chris Shepherd—Alabama; Beverly Rollins Thompson, Jean Toole, and Helen Neal—Georgia; John Bennett—Germany. Judy Caudle led 564. Bridge Hill Kennedy closed the memorial service with prayer. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 565; Ruth Wampler Hissong 279; Alexa Silverman 567; Tim Gregg 423. The class sang a selection of songs submitted for the 2025 revision led by Nathan Rees, Lauren Bock, Richard Ivey, and Jesse P. Karlsberg.

Announcements were made.

Kathy Williams and Tom George led 56t as the closing song. Tom George offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Kathy Williams; Vice Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**WHO TIPPED YOUR GLITT'RING WINGS IN GOLD**  
**Pulse Theater Space, New Orleans, Louisiana**  
**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

A celebration of LGBTQ community singers met at Pulse Theater Space on the first Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Ateven Snderson leading 172. Leaders: Nicole Bowman 127; Daron Douglas 299; Rosemary Minasian 300; Miriam

Delirium 129; Nathan Berry 477; Ivy Hauser-Hall 271b; June Murph 93; Grace Kennedy 101t; Jonathon Smith 105; Stina Soderling 531; Penny Henzel 83b; Rowan Marye 455; Tristan Gordon 328; Howe Pearson 290; Nicole Bowman 270.

**RECESS**

Ateven Snderson brought the class back together by leading 181. Leaders: Rosemary Minasian 408; Daron Douglas 504; Stina Soderling 189; Nathan Berry 425; June Murph 47t; Ivy Hauser-Hall 326; Penny Henzel 535; Grace Kennedy 274t; Jonathon Smith 472; Rowan Marye 268; Tristan Gordon 432; Ateven Snderson 36b; Blue Taylor 209; Miriam Delirium 70b; Nicole Bowman 419, 29b; Rosemary Minasian 30b; Daron Douglas 417.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Howe Pearson leading 224. Leaders: Blue Taylor 445; Galloway Cieslak 72b; Miriam Delirium 284; Rosemary Minasian 178; Avalon Zoe Madonna 35; Amanda Zapp and Miriam Delirium 47t; Sarah Ruth Altman 85; Nathan Berry 505; June Murph and Hannah 513; Penny Henzel 551; Journey Schaubhut 114.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Ateven Snderson telling the story of Homer Plessy and the events leading up to the Plessy v Ferguson supreme court ruling that began on the block they were singing on that day. They read the following list of the deceased: Lydia Lewallen—North Carolina and Ted Mercer—Chicago. They led 400.

**RECESS**

Nathan B.D. and M.J. led 282. Leaders: Rowan Mayre 344; Robert Bruce 318; Grace Kennedy 458; Howe Pearson 323t; Avalon Zoe Madonna 146; K Laspruce 163b; Stevie 59; Grace Kennedy and M.J. 285t; Grace Kennedy 112; Penny Henzel 348t. Ateven Snderson thanked everyone for attending the second LGBTQ Shape Note Celebration, and gave the Secretary's report stating twenty-six leaders representing nine states led fifty-five songs. Announcements were made.

Chairman—Ateven Snderson; Vice Chairman—Nathan Berry; Secretaries—Ateven Snderson and Rowan Marye

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SACRED HARP SINGING**

**George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, Texas**

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

The 24th 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. He then, along with Donald Ross, welcomed the class.

**RECESS**

After the brief recess, Stuart Ivey called the class together by leading 82t. Dr. Marie Monteiro offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Diane Ross 480; Robert Vaughn 67; Beverly Coates 66; Jerry Ryan 145t; Ian Myers 163b; Kristie Powell 440; Rick Foreman 31t; Brooke Robb 270; Donald Ross 183; Vivian Ivey and Stuart Ivey 146; John Hoerr 448b; Tammy Powell 454; Drew Jackson 477; Gaylon Powell 505; McKenne Schenck 59; Elizabeth Laube 313b; Gayle Avant 350; Matthew Laube 277; Chanel Daniels and Mattie Bowen 45t.

**RECESS**

Randal Bradley brought the class back together leading 128. Leaders: Chris Griswold 47b; Aaron Cash 314; Donna McKay 225t; Karen Ivey 472; Charity and Robert Vaughn 81t; Joshua McCann 75; Kyle Hearne 312b; Dennis Corcoran 276; Randy Oakley 235; Meredith Sikora and Sarah Millington 30b; Ariadne Lewis 373; Marie Monteiro and Stuart Ivey 370; David Tidmore 370. Announcements of upcoming

singings were made. Randal Bradley blessed the noon meal provided by the Dunn Center for Christian Music studies.

#### LUNCH

Stuart Ivey brought the class back together leading 100. Leaders: Diane Ross 354t; Robert Vaughn 182; Beverly Coates 434 (for Syd Caldwell); Jerry Ryan, Tori, and Tracie 408; Kristie Powell 500; Rick Foreman 481; Brooke Robb 228; Donald Ross 546; John Hoerr 212; Tammy Powell 542; Gaylon Powell 193; Elizabeth Laube 35; Matthew Laube and Catlin Liman 274t; Chris Griswold 268; Donna McKay 178; Charity and Robert Vaughn 112; Joshua McCann 179; Dennis Corcoran and John Harris 34b; Marie Monteiro and Stuart Ivey 223; Chris Griswold 455; Diane Ross 300; Stuart Ivey 541. Stuart Ivey led 347 as the closing song. Matthew Laude offered the closing prayer and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Stuart Ivey; Secretary—Diane Ross

**EMORY SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Wesley Teaching Chapel, Candler School of Theology**  
**Emory University**  
**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

The 19th annual Emory Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Bill DuPre leading 37b. Malinda Snow gave the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill DuPre 426t; Laura Akerman 66; Jesse P. Karlsberg 31t, 493; Malinda Snow 287; Jim Neal 276, 122; David Brodeur 35, 536; John Plunkett 466, 405; David Smead 404, 153; Shawn Taylor 121, 372; Andy Ditzler 82b, 433; Sasha Hsuczyk 56b, 522; Phillip Langley 302, 110; Lauren Bock 45t, 532.

#### RECESS

The class returned to order with Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 275t, followed by Lela Crowder leading 215 and 354t. A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chairperson—Sasha Hsuczyk; Vice Chairperson—Lela Crowder; Secretaries—Laura Akerman and Jerusha Wheeler. The business session was closed. Leaders: Sasha Hsuczyk 76b; David Schmitt 442, 371; Nathan Rees 313t, 182; Esther Morgan-Ellis 157, 456; Stephanie Fida 330t, 204.

Phillip Langley led a memorial lesson for the deceased and sick and shut-ins. The list of names of deceased was read aloud as follows: Earl Ballinger, Virginia Futral, Henry Guthery, Malik Williams—Alabama; Martha Ann Stegar—Georgia; Bob Goodman—California and Georgia; Susan Fethco—California; Chloe Webb—Texas; John Smead—Missouri; Steve Biggs, Rob Mahoney—United Kingdom; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Kennedy—Ireland. The list of names of the sick and shut-ins was read aloud as follows: Jack Nelson, Jesse Roberts, Reba Windom, Margaret Thacker, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, and Pleasance Crawford. Phillip Langley led 348b for all those named. Jim Neal closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Anders Wells 99, 89; Justin Bowen 166, 391.

#### LUNCH

Justin Bowen brought the class back to order by leading 145t. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg and Emory students singing 155; Amy Wells 411, 183; David Brodeur 91; Nathan Rees 181; Esther Morgan-Ellis 172; Phillip Langley 272; Shawn Taylor 419; Stephanie Fida 60; Sasha Hsuczyk 29b; Andy Ditzler 440; David Schmitt 448t; Lela Crowder 42; Justin Bowen 284; Malinda Snow 474; Bill DuPre 142; David Smead 143; John Plunkett 50t; Anders Wells 71; Laura Akerman 390, 192; Jim Neal 84; Lucey Rose Karlsberg and Corinne Wells 274t; Amy Wells 112; Benjamin McKenna 48t; Melissa Deuber 63; Stephanie Fida and David Schmitt 69t. After announcements, Sasha Hsuczyk led 62. Lauren Clark led the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Sasha Hsuczyk; Vice Chairperson—Lela Crowder; Secretary—Laura Akerman

**LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY SINGING**  
**University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois**  
**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

The 33rd annual Lincoln's Birthday Singing was held on the second Saturday in February at Ida Noyes Hall, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the 65th annual University of Chicago Folk Festival. The class was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Brady Santoro leading 59. Because this singing is a workshop intended for people who are new to Sacred Harp, Brady turned the floor over to Ginny Landgraf for an explanation of the Rudiments of shapenote singing, using 111b as a teaching example. Ginny ceded the floor to Lisa Grayson for a continuation of the singing school. Lisa used 47b for her portion of the singing school. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 99; June Murphy 98; Ginny Landgraf 504.

Lisa Grayson continued the singing school with a discussion of the development of singing with shaped notes and the history of shapenote singing in the United States and internationally. Lisa led 49t. Leaders: Brady Santoro 224; Will Grady 333; Jim Swanson 215; Dan Nickel 39t; Matthew Seifert 532; Mark Dawson 299. Lisa Grayson continued the singing school with a Question and Answer session. Leaders: Eileen Ferguson 547; Susie Kauffman 148. After announcements, the class took the parting hand while singing 347.

Chairman—Brady Santoro; Secretary—Mary Rogel

**MINNESOTA MIDWINTER COOPER BOOK SINGING**  
**Olivet Congregational Church, St. Paul, Minnesota**  
**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

The Minnesota Convention met at Olivet Congregational Church in St. Paul for its Midwinter All-Day Singing from the *Cooper Book* on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Cathy Lutz and Mike Mullin leading 276. John Wiens offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Paul Wyatt 50t; Stacey Berkheimer 102; Angie Payne 49t; Denise Kania 140; Kenan Serenbetz 95b; Ben Fink 55; Dick Patterson 311; Ellen Ray 225t; Steve Luttinen 504; Doron Henkin 568; Eleanor Haase 572; Steven T. Schmidgall and Jim Helke 340; Ray Cott-Meissel 239; Myles Alexander 77t.

RECESS

Kat Kohorst led 108b to bring the class back together. Leaders: John Wiens 571; Midge Olsen 269; Sam Tiratto 319; Suzanne McFate 477; Michael L. Moore 99 (in memory of his cousin, Vera Splinter); Tamara Shewmaker 416t; Barbara Hohenstein 505; Barb Patterson 45b; Jim Helke 364; Ben Copenhaver 449; Carol Buche and Stephen Parker 587; Laura Densmore 552; Luke Maas 463.

RECESS

Hannah Lutz led 511t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Haley Walsh 148; Guy Bankes 442b; Cathy Jordan 300; Jim Pfau 210; J.R. Hardman 573; Steve Florman 128 (dedicated to his late father); Julia Zaffarano 273; C.J. McFate 268b; Karen Clark 514. John Wiens offered the prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Stacey Berkheimer led 129 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Matt Wells 38t; Martha Henderson 503; Ray Rechenberg 133; Kit Canright 411; Steven Levine 580; Ellen Ray 486; Ben Fink 229; Barbara Hohenstein 292b; Kat Kohorst 393; Doron Henkin 98; Karen Clark 520; Elise DelMas 559; Laura Densmore 482; Denise Kania 137; Guy Bankes 410.

#### RECESS

Ben Copenhaver led 95t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Shana Wenger 478; Julia Zaffarano 392; Sam Tiratto and Amanda Tiratto 195; Michael Shewmaker 155; Mike Mullin 361; Steven T. Schmidgall 391; Anna Pfau Clark 590; J.R. Hardman 222; Nathan Berry 336t; Alec Jenkins-White 96; John Wiens 156; Jim Helke 485; Myles Alexander 68t; Jim Pfau 217; Hannah Lutz 142; Dick Patterson 380t; Paul Wyatt 484; Cathy Jordan 52t; Tamara Shewmaker 591; Steve Luttinen 147.

Cathy Lutz and Mike Mullin led 323t as the closing song. John Wiens offered the closing prayer.

Chairpersons—Cathy Lutz and Mike Mullin; Secretary—Hannah Lutz

### **SANDERS MEMORIAL Jefferson County, Alabama Saturday, February 8, 2025**

The annual Sanders Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, McCormick, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The class was called to order by Brenda Chafin leading 35. Philip Gilmore offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting, the class retained the same officers as follows: Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary and arranging—Ann Jett. Leaders: Philip Gilmore 68b, 47b; Louise Yeager 112, 100; Zena Tucker 203, 47t; Glenn Keeton 349, 278t; Rebekah Gilmore 42, 440; Linda Booth 222, 523; Amber Davis 500, 436; Jeff James 86, 31t.

#### RECESS

Brenda Chafin led 101t to bring the class together. Leaders: Butch White 348b, 480; Tom Booth 147t, 148; Beth Branscome 150, 479; Judy Caudle 336, 166 (in memory of Julia Poston); Theresa Westmoreland 183, 455; Nicholas Thompson 215 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger), 517; Laurie Keeton 145b, 354b; Lisa Geist 528, 228; Cassie Allen 345b, 399b. Philip Gilmore asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom Booth leading 565. Leaders: Bridge Hill Kennedy 89, 40; Roma Rice 30b (for her sister-in-law); Ann Jett 88t, 319; Philip Gilmore 176b; Danny Creel 388, 485; Larry Ballinger 151, 477; Zena Tucker 63; Glenn Keeton 178; Rebekah Gilmore 276; Butch White 27; Tom Booth 34b; Beth Branscome 401; Judy Caudle 428; Theresa Westmoreland 299; Nicholas Thompson 431 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Laurie Keeton 59; Cassie Allen 72t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 272; Larry Ballinger 328; Ann Jett 269. Announcements were made.

Brenda Chafin and Tom Booth led 75 as the closing song. Philip Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Ann Jett

## **H.R. AVERY MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Daviston, Alabama**

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

The annual memorial singing in memory of Elder H.R. Avery was held on the second Sunday in February at Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church, Tallapoosa County, Alabama. The class was called to order by Charlotte Bishop leading 36b. Ted Price offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Isabelle Green; Arrangements—Jordan McGuire. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Bert Collins 542, 335; Robert Chambliss 452, 225t; Karen Rollins 227, 222; Winfred Kerr 282, 89; Rebekah Gilmore 101t, 276; Cecil Roberts 58, 491; Judy Chambliss 499, 569b; John T. Blakeley 30b, 47b.

**RECESS**

Charlotte Bishop brought the class back together by leading 145b. Leaders: Shane Brown 317, 204; Glenda Collins 124, 472; Bill DuPre 385t, 29t; Audrey Blakeley 39t, 31t; Jim Neal 406, 496.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Ted Price led 196 for the sick and shut-ins. Sharon White led 560 in memory of the deceased. Cecil Roberts closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Stanley Smith 146, 129; Carter Westbrook 32t, 159; Sarah George 33t, 336.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Charlotte Bishop leading 268. Leaders: Lynda Fagan 282 (for Paula Fagan), 457; Tom George 441, 52b; Sharon Whitehead 186, 480; Ted Price 535, 378b; Isabelle Green 162, 137; Jamey Wootten 33b, 92; Renee Dempsey 128, 45t; Nathan Rees 87, 217; Charlotte Bishop 229 (CB), 551; Gavin Blakeley 189, 81t; Douglas Hubbard 72b, 49b; Waylon Blakeley 37b; Jordan McGuire 39b, 143; Justin McGuire 288. Announcements were made. The closing prayer was offered by Kenny Whitehead, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Isabelle Green

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION, WASHINGTON**

**Sunset Hill Community Hall, Seattle, Washington**

**February 15-16, 2025**

**Saturday, February 15**

The Washington Session of the 32nd annual Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the third weekend in February. The class was called to order by Laura McMurray leading 34b. Rosie Sokolov offered the opening prayer. The convention held a business meeting, and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Ian Suchon; Vice Chairperson—Pippa Stoddard; Treasurers—Jenna Tompkins and David Wright; Secretary—Peter Schinske; Arranging Committee—Laura McMurray and Bob Schinske; Chaplains—Rosie Sokolov and Karen Willard; Memorial Committee—Susan Helf and Jack Lofton. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Ian Suchon 58; Susan Helf 47t; Bob Schinske 89; Jinx McGuire 479; Karen Willard 373 (for Ken Hallock); Corinne Serfass 536; Kevin Barrans 209; Kathy Vlach 171; Peter Schinske 40; Greg Saué 99; Rosie Sokolov 138b; Fred Wilkey 474; Evelyn Lamb 312t; Sara Ng 122; Spencer Stuart 74b; Robert Stoddard 85.

**RECESS**

Peter Abrahamsen called the class to order leading 68b. Leaders: Pippa Stoddard 114; Paul Chamberlain 569b; Mullen 183; Shannon McGuire 358; Patrick Coghlan 214; Dorothy Mitchell 492; June Thomasson 106; Jamie Dawson 428; Anne Huckins 107; Marla Elliott 547; David Wright 165; Carolyn Deacy 430; Lucinda Larsen Saué

178; Jonas Powell 112; Kristofer Ilex 460; Edouard Beaudry 504; Tamara Wallace 56b; Joseph Coghlan 494.

**RECESS**

Leigh Cooper called the class to order leading 56t. Leaders: Wren Hyde 401; Doug Hill 285t; Claire Hogan 77t; Mark Godfrey 74t; Midge Harder 73t; Ian Suchon 379; Elizabeth Stoddard 422; Erik Schwab 400; Jenna Tompkins 486; Myles Alexander 143; Mryka Hall-Beyer 454; Leigh Cooper 338; Lindy Groening 545; Thom Fahrbach 530; Ruth Linehan and Guinevere Saenger 466; Betsy Jeronen 560; Nancy Novotny 500; Jack Lofton 328; Jamie Dawson 376; Laura McMurray 295. Rosie Sokolov offered a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Claire Hogan called the class to order leading 445. Leaders: Kristofer Ilex 542; Jack Lofton 269; Jonas Powell 440; Rebecca Edwards 441; Fred Wilkey 501; Kate Coxon 411; Jenna Tompkins 532; Myles Alexander 146; Lindy Groening 306; Mryka Hall-Beyer 277; Evelyn Lamb 396; Wren Hyde 375; Mark Godfrey 196; Erik Schwab 368; Kevin Barrans 271b; Leigh Cooper 176b; Spencer Stuart 317; Carolyn Deacy 456; Edouard Beaudry 218; Robert Stoddard 349; Elizabeth Stoddard 546; Betsy Jeronen 426t; Katie Mahoney 195.

**RECESS**

Thom Fahrbach called the class to order leading 230. Leaders: Rosie Sokolov 60; Claire Hogan 65; Noah Brubaker and Paul Chamberlain 159; Susan Helf 312b; Midge Harder 556; Patrick Coghlan 272; Nancy Novotny 481; Peter Schinske 27; Thom Fahrbach 505; Karen Willard 485; Ruth Linehan 384; Bob Schinske 39b; Marla Elliott 383; Dorothy Mitchell 480; Lucinda Larsen Saue 503; Pippa Stoddard 36b; Anne Huckins 472; Shannon McGuire 142; Paul Chamberlain 280; Joseph Coghlan 49t; David Wright 71. Announcements were made.

Ian Suchon led 499 as the closing song. Rosie Sokolov offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

**Sunday, February 16**

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Convention was called to order by Ian Suchon leading 48t. Karen Willard offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Rosie Sokolov 138t; Peter Schinske 52t; Jamie Dawson 39t; Greg Saue 38b; Carolyn Deacy 464; Myles Alexander 27; Kim Lusk 55; Joseph Coghlan 49b; Kathy Vlach 475; Sara Ng 159; Thom Fahrbach 283; Midge Harder 42; Tamara Wallace 335; Shannon McGuire 110; Emma Swartz 114; Doug Hill 482; Karen Willard 497.

**RECESS**

Jennifer Jones called the class to order leading 82t. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 57; Spencer Stuart 111b; Lucinda Larsen Saue 344; Deb Koch 423; Peter Abrahamsen 278t; Katie Mahoney 460; Jonas Powell 163t; Betsy Jeronen 436; David Wright 380; Dorothy Mitchell 540; Elizabeth Stoddard 173; Corinne Serfass 421; Kevin Barrans 168; Erik Schwab 553; Kristofer Ilex 426b; Wren Hyde 270; Paul Chamberlain 538; Ruth Linehan 229; Edouard Beaudry 185; Rebecca Edwards 527.

**RECESS**

Mark Godfrey called the class to order leading 32t. Leaders: Bob Schinske 498; Laura McMurray 564; Nancy Novotny 296; Jenna Tompkins 38t; Patrick Coghlan 492; Lindy Groening 215; Pippa Stoddard 399b; Fred Wilkey 29b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Susan Helf and Jack Lofton. Susan Helf led 547 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Darlene Simpson-Brown, Ken Hallock, Anne Marie Berggren, Werner Kist, Leah Coffin, Darrell Parker, Ernestine Parker, Lois Lee Ramsey, Ginny Landgraf, Marcia Cutler, Kate Fortin, Marianne May-Causey, Elizabeth Arginteneau, Kathleen Johnson, Charlie Schkerke, Juliet Schwab, Ron Coxon, Dan Phemayotin, Mark Ledbetter, Bobbie Goodell, and Lu Zeng.

Jack Lofton led 176t in honor of the following deceased: Jabarra Edwards and Charles "Bud" Murphy—Oregon; Corrone Bryant and Ruth Anne Bryant—Maine; Heidrun Schmiederer—Germany; Danny Griffin and Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia; Susan Fetcho, Jeff Begley, and Terry Barber—California; Chloe Webb—Texas; Betty Pendrack and Alisa Duc—Pennsylvania; Mary DeLong, Betsy Brown, Susan Willanger Cady, and Reed Schilbach—Washington; Steve Biggs—United Kingdom; Jeff Bell—Minnesota. Karen Willard offered a prayer to close the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Jennifer Jones 499; Leigh Cooper 35; Claire Hogan 79; June Thomasson 312b; Robert Stoddard 228. Karen Willard offered a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Evelyn Lamb called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Ian Suchon 567; Mryka Hall-Beyer 290; Kate Coxon 383; Peter Schinske 302; Mark Godfrey 197; Rosie Sokolov 414; Emma Swartz 272; Lindy Groening 286; Thom Fahrbach 263; Evelyn Lamb 157; Mullen 203; Jack Lofton 528; Anne Huckins 455; Jonas Powell 155; Erik Schwab 193; David Wright 30t; Leland Ross and Paul Chamberlain 232; Elizabeth Riggs and Susan Helf 479; Carolyn Deacy 91; Ruth Linehan 166; Midge Harder 163b; Edouard Beaudry 304.

#### RECESS

Robert Stoddard called the class to order leading 87. Leaders: Bob Schinske 491; Rebecca Edwards 534; Myles Alexander 548; Elizabeth Stoddard 266; Jamie Dawson 506; Fred Wilkey 515; Elliot Kraber and Erik Schwab 268; Corinne Serfass 108b; Jennifer Jones 430; Spencer Stuart 445; Susan Helf 61; Wren Hyde 513; Tamara Wallace 276; Betsy Jeronen 225t; Kathy Vlach 415; Karen Willard 33b; Evelyn Lamb 102; Claire Hogan 125; Robert Stoddard 70b.

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The treasurers reported that expenses were met through the generosity of attendees, and a motion was accepted to remit the Convention's purse to Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Singers, Inc.

Elizabeth Stoddard and Erik Schwab submitted a resolution, which was accepted, thanking the officers, committees, volunteers, and setting the 2026 Washington Session on the third Sunday and Saturday before in February. The secretary announced one hundred four singers over both days, from two countries, eight states, and two Canadian provinces, singing two hundred and three tunes. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Ian Suchon and Pippa Stoddard led 39b as the closing song, while those who wished took the parting hand. Karen Willard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Ian Suchon; Vice Chairperson—Pippa Stoddard; Treasurers—Jenna Tompkins and David Wright; Secretary—Peter Schinske

### **J.L. WHITE SACRED HARP SINGING Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia**

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

The annual J.L. White Sacred Harp Singing was held at Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February. All song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, White Book*.

The class was called to order by John Plunkett, who welcomed all present and led 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Bill DuPre. Leaders: Chairman John Plunkett 284b; Vice Chairman Russ Hanson 32t, 72b; Secretary Sandra Wilkinson 138t, 144; Bill DuPre 33b, 124b; Jacob Lindler 50b, 191; David Smith 239, 222; Malinda Snow 287, 288 (in memory of Shirley Dumas); Janet Shepherd 277, 36b.

#### RECESS

The class was brought together by Russ Hanson, who led 101t. Leaders: Carol Hanson 544t, 491b; Shawn Taylor 60, 61; José Camacho 544b, 482t; Laura Akerman 490b, 545t; Jesse Karlsberg 543t, 511; Lisa Bennett 517, 516. The food was blessed by Elder David Smith.

#### LUNCH

The class was reconvened by John Plunkett, who led 91b. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 547t, 483t; David Smead 410, 545b; Judy Mincey 54t, 55t; Leslie Hanson 526, 540; Sandra Wilkinson 405; Russ Hanson 512; Malinda Snow 361; Bill DuPre 37b; Jacob Lindler 470; Janet Shepherd 155; Carol Hanson 177; Shawn Taylor 24 (in the back of the book); Laura Akerman 471; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 350; José Camacho 515 (for Hayden Arp); Judy Mincey 441t; Oscar McGuire 37t; Russ Hanson 491t.

John Plunkett expressed his sincere thanks to everyone who attended and what a wonderful, spirited, and encouraging singing we had. Following announcements, John led 389t. Malinda Snow offered the closing prayer.

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

### **SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGING Wisewood, Sheffield, United Kingdom**

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

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. Karen Arthur offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jacoba Bruneel 406; Christopher Tedd 102; Sam Carter 74b; Claire Welford 31t; Joe Vickers 458; Lucy Atkinson 344; Chris Coombs 72b; Sarah West 179; Matthew Parkinson 132; Joyce Smith 56t; Tom Sprackland 384; Richard Mayers 110; Erin Johnson-Williams 204; Rowan Simms 191; Ted Brown 81t; Hannah Land 182; Toby Goss 539; Helen Brown 234; John Sprackland 276.

#### RECESS

Simon Dumpleton brought the class back to order leading 313t. Leaders: Chris Noren 236; David Fenton-Smith 70b; Brenda Bowley 138b; Peter Douglas Banks and Helen Brown 269 (for Jessica Beer and Robin Willis); Mika 77t; Sam Carter 65; Joy Spreadborough 299; Werner Ullah 278t; Nigel Bowley 113; Jo-anne Carlyle 163t; Peter Bourne 313b.

Karen Arthur offered the lesson for the deceased and for the sick and housebound. She read the following list of names of the sick and housebound: Cath Tyler, Edwin Macadam, Vicki Elliott, Adrian Turner, Robin Turner, Adam Barnes, Rosie Turner, Liz Knowles, Robin Willis, and John Baldini.

Karen then read the following list of names of the deceased: Zareer Masani, Dinos Nearchou, Peter Child, Constanze Denis, and Olive Gibson—London; Joyce Tyler—Kingsbridge; Jean Rogan—Consett; Damien Sweeney—Leicester; Kathleen Smith—Blue Anchor; Rob Mahony—Worthing on Sea; Simon White—Buxton; Robert Laycock—Derby; Janet Wilcox—Sherwood; Steve Biggs—Brighton; Peter Roberts—Sheffield; Peter Polish—Carmarthen, Wales; Dingo Dinkleman—South Africa; Jim Mose—New Hampshire, USA; Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia, USA; Jabbara Edwards and Reed Schilbach—Washington, USA; Ruthanne and Corrone Bryant—Maine and Florida, USA. Karen led 159 for all the above named. Leaders: Sophie Lockhart 399b; Steve Brett 303; Ian West 500; Ted Simonds 100; Jan Geerts and Richard Mayers 263; Barry Parson 75. Grace for the mid-day meal was offered by Karen Arthur.

#### LUNCH

Tom Sprackland called the class back together by leading 128. Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 189; Caro Stamm-Reusch 217; Ed Johnson-Williams 411; Petra Ertl 216;

Michael Walker and Erin Johnson-Williams 475; Sarah West 215; Keillor Mose 434; Sebastian Borckenhagen 56b; Hannah Land 198; Fynn Titford-Mock 280; Claire Welford 181; Steve Brett 542; Chris Noren 377; Brenda Bowley 318; Joe Vickers 300; Rowan Simms 222; Helen Brown 436 (for Vicki Elliott); Jan Geerts 556; Toby Goss 538; Joyce Smith 432; Ian West 270; Sophie Lockhart 168; Nigel Bowley 112; Joy Spreadborough 154; Ted Simonds 88t.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Christopher Tedd leading 105. Leaders: Chris Coombs 142; Peter Bourne 425; Barry Parsons 167; Caro Stamm-Reusch 76b; Keillor Mose 48t; Fynn Titford-Mock 308; Petra Ertl 201; Sebastian Borckenhagen 410t; John Sprackland 448t; Ed Johnson-Williams 47b; Jo-anne Carlyle 268; Lucy Atkinson 547; Werner Ullah 457; Peter Douglas Banks 277; Mika 183; David Fenton-Smith 376; Erin Johnson-Williams 129; Richard Mayers 365.

Joshua Lant led 69t as the closing song. Karen Arthur offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Joshua Lant; Secretary—Jacoba Bruneel

### THE SOCIAL HARP AND SACRED HARP SINGING

#### No. 3 Railroad Street Community Center, Arnoldsburg, Georgia

Sunday, February 23, 2025

The 51st 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 Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Michael Spencer 87 (ScH); Bill Hollingsworth 61t (ScH), 182 (ScH); David Smead 195 (ScH), 199 (ScH) (in memory of Lee Jones); Shawn Taylor 193 (ScH), 41 (ScH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 137 (ScH), 138 (ScH); John Plunkett 189 (ScH), 149 (ScH); Mary Baumeister 51 (ScH), 34 (ScH); Blake Sisemore 60 (ScH), 89 (ScH); Lisa Bennett 200 (ScH), 154 (ScH); Jane Cannon 53 (ScH), 194 (ScH); Jacob Lindler 205 (ScH), 146 (ScH); John Hollingsworth 55b (ScH) (for John Garst); Bill Hogan 98 (ScH), 99 (ScH).

#### RECESS

Michael Spencer brought the class back together by leading 196 (ScH). Leaders: Judy Mincey 201 (ScH), 135 (ScH); Dave Farmer 52t (ScH), 141 (ScH); Robert Kelley 73 (ScH), 69 (ScH); Abigail Cannon 159 (ScH), 158 (ScH); José Camacho 165 (ScH), 70 (ScH); Chris Wilhelm 152 (ScH), 134 (ScH); Mary Baumeister 198 (ScH), 228 (ScH); Bill Hogan 202 (ScH); Blake Sisemore 153 (ScH); Jacob Lindler 124 (ScH); Robert Kelley 100 (ScH); Jose Camacho 31 (ScH); Abigail Cannon and Brent Hedrick 148 (ScH).

#### LUNCH

After lunch, the class sang from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Michael Spencer called the class back to order leading 166. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 72t, 456; Esther Morgan-Ellis 474, 444; Christy Sinksen 107, 448t; Judy Mincey 367, 186 (for Elsie Hollingsworth).

The class went into a business session and elected the following officers: Chairman—Michael Spencer; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—David Smead.

The class voted that, starting next year, we will change the order of the books—instead of singing from the *Social Harp* before lunch and from the Sacred Harp after lunch, we will sing from the Sacred Harp in the first session and then alternate with the *Social Harp*.

Leaders: Blake Sisemore 188, 78; José Camacho 245; John Schley 37b, 86; Robert Kelley 329, 387; Jane Cannon 441, 447; Bill Hogan 91.

#### RECESS

Michael Spencer brought the class back leading 354t. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 49b, 276 (in memory of Steve Biggs); Abigail Cannon 317, 328; Jacob Lindler 315, 316; Chris Wilhelm 390, 228; Lora Kracht and Lisa Bennett 30t, 208; Mary Baumeister 148, 28t; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Dave Farmer 183, 532; David Smead 232, 449 (in memory of Dan Brittain); John Plunkett 150. After announcements, Michael Spencer led 308 as the closing song. Bill Hollingsworth offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Michael Spencer; Vice Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—David Smead

## **OHIO STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION** **Calvary Bible Church, Columbus, Ohio** **Saturday, March 1, 2025**

The 30th annual Ohio State Convention was held on the first weekend in March. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ray Rechenberg leading 34b. Chaplain Nigel Ewan offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the 2025 slate of officers approved by unanimous vote. Incoming Co-Chair Allison Lindner asked Greg Creech and Timothy Morton to serve as the Memorial Committee. After announcements and reminders, the business session closed. Co-Chair Keith Yutzy led 59 and asked the Arranging Committee to begin calling leaders.

Leaders: Greg Creech 127; Nigel Ewan 344; Liz Hayes 209; Rich Overturf 39t; Clara Herr 106; Idy Kiser 81t; Jackson Pietrzak 117; Karen Arnett 448t; Tim Gregg 91; Andrew Sheffer 122; Megan Jennings and family 203; Hollie Long 391; Jim Herr 120; Stephanie Taylor 277; Thomas L. Koehnline 111b; Molly V. Sander 569b; Mike Mullin 489; Sarah Ward 66; Beth Garfinkel 504; Michael Domino 390.

### **RECESS**

Laura Ann Russell called the class back to order leading 107. Leaders: Beth Todd 73t; Adrian Eldridge 318; Mary Donnellay 495; Brad Oglesby 192; Barb Patterson 534; Tom Morton 496; Shannon Tibbs 47t; Will Fitzgerald 130; Bill McNiece 503; Barbara Lehr 319; Timothy Morton 187; Alice Bean 164; Darrell Wayne Lahm 282; Tom Kochan 323b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Timothy Morton speaking about the importance of reaching out to our fellow singers during times of illness and distress. He led 330b after reading the following names from the sick and shut-ins list: Cindy Beaule, Joetta Klampett, Roger Crabtree, Ed Walton, Enid Thomas, Debbie Hall, Sue Duff, and Donald Sprague.

Greg Creech spoke beautifully of the importance of tradition, the Sacred Harp community, and the singers gone before who shared that tradition with us. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Olga Chandler—California; Curtis Cook and Joe Hays (2025)—Indiana; Steve Duff, Jimmie Carol Nelson, Donald Oglesby (2024), and Allison Bonnell—Ohio; Estella Leopold and Reed Schilbach—Washington. Concluding with “We miss their voices, We miss their spirits,” he led 235.

Joel-Henry Mansfield made an announcement about lunch proceedings, and then led 171. Chaplain Nigel Ewan offered the noontime prayer.

### **LUNCH**

Ray Rechenberg, with Hannah Musser in the square, began the afternoon session by leading 40. Leaders: Hollie Long 208; Dick Patterson 362; Samuel Sommers 397; Will Fitzgerald 447; Jim Herr 454; Barb Patterson 475; Adrian Eldridge 474; Nigel Ewan 155; Beth Todd 373; Brad Oglesby 68b; Shannon Tibbs 38t; Jackson Pietrzak and Luke Lehman 47b; Greg Creech 74b; Liz Hayes 198; Mike Mullin 332; Lia Mansfield 369; Bill McNiece 147t.

### **RECESS**

Rich Overturf led 479 to call the class back together. Leaders: Rich Overturf 479; Karen Arnett 532; Barb Lund and Adrian Eldridge 384; Ben Owen and Ben Griffin 236; Thomas L. Koehnline 317; Sarah Ward 455; Samuel Sommers 232; Alice Bean 334; Ray Rechenberg 300; Beth Garfinkel 178; Dick Patterson and Barb Patterson 399t; Clara Herr 564; Timothy Morton 112; Andrew Sheffer 339; Barbara Lehr 268; Tom Morton 49b; Molly V. Sander 472; Tom Kochan 426t; Stephanie Taylor 146; Joel-Henry Mansfield 365; Darrell Wayne Lahm 354b. Allison Lindner led 485. Co-Chair Keith Yutzy thanked everyone for a great day of singing and called for committee reports. Laura Ann Russell, Arranging Committee, reported that eighty songs had been led by forty-eight leaders representing eight states. In addition, there were ninety-six individuals registered with another twenty plus children and visitors present. Treasurer Lia Mansfield reported that all convention expenses had been met. Food Committee Chair Joel-Henry Mansfield thanked everyone for their delicious offerings, reported that all dishes had been cleaned, and leftovers were packaged for pick-up. He expressed special thanks to Mary Creech, Johanna Harris, Clara Herr, and Jim Revelos for their assistance.

Co-Chairs Keith Yutzy and Allison Lindner led 62, and the class took the parting hand. Chaplain Nigel Ewan offered the closing prayer. The Ohio Convention was dismissed until it resumes February 28-March 1, 2026.

Co-Chairs—Allison Lindner and Keith Yutzy; Vice Chair—Ray Rechenberg; Recording Secretary—Michael Domino

### **ELDER GERALD HAND MEMORIAL SINGING AND TUCSON SINGING**

**Sonora Cohousing, Tucson, Arizona**

**March 1-2, 2025**

**Saturday, March 1**

The 12th annual Elder Gerald Hand Memorial Singing and the 18th annual Tucson Singing was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in March. The class was called to order by Abbie Sorg leading 135. Julie Swarstad Johnson led the opening prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed: Chair—Abbie Sorg; Arranging—JP Thom-Gronachan; Treasurer—Janet Plattner; Secretary—Erika Roush.

Leaders: Holly Mutascio 81t (in memory of Mike Garrett); Craig Averill 312b; Irene Gilb 117 (for Kaia Wing); Amanda Patterson 401; Claire Singleton 198 (in memory of Edwin); Donna Hand Sewell 171; Julie Swarstad Johnson 479; Irene Gilb 178 (for Teresa Davis); John Sandstrom 268; Michael McKernan 228; David Hand 59; Jackson Fleder 176b; Catherine Massey 159; Logan Hollarsmith 481; Ben Copenhagen 546; Ellie Soler 504; Julie Swarstad Johnson 186.

#### **RECESS**

Abbie Sorg brought the class back to order leading 107. Leaders: Irene Gilb 474; Leslie Alperin 163b (in memory of her mother); Lori Hand Rodgers 556; Chris Wonderly 95; Leslie Alperin 86 (for Cathy Cox); Jerry Schreiber 538; William Gilman 146; Judy Van Duzer 351; Alexa Copeland 505; Vicki Morgan 455; JP Thom-Gronachan 56b; Carla Smith 475; Jean Merritt 112; Peggy Morrison 40; Irene Gilb 148 (for Mina Bornstein).

#### **RECESS**

Kim Lewis brought the class back to order leading 472. Leaders: David McPherson 50t; Erica Martinez 212; Elizabeth Poss 276; Porter Lontz-Underhill 269; Janet Plattner 299; Holly Mustascio 419; Catherine Van Duzer 492; Kaia Wing 267; Amanda Patterson 282; Craig Averill 47b; Erika Roush 195; Claire Singleton 273; Donna Hand Sewell 63; Julie Swarstad Johnson 384; Teresa Davis 38t; Abbie Sorg 491; John Sandstrom 49b. Julie Swarstad Johnson offered thanks for the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Abbie Sorg brought the class back to order by leading 299. Leaders: David Hand 358; Abbie Sorg 344; Michael McKernon 277; Jackson Fleder 460; Catherine Massey 46; Ellie Soler 34b; Kathy Garrett 442; Irene Gilb 296; Leslie Alperin 200; Lori Hand Rodgers 379; Cathy Cox 77t; Jerry Schreiber 254; Judy Van Duzer 150; Vicki Morgan 503; JP Thom-Gronachan 324; Carla Smith 284.

## RECESS

Julie Swarstad Johnson brought the class back to order by leading 335. Leaders: Jean Merritt 36b; Peggy Morrison 72b; Mina Bornstein 266; Erica Martinez 142; Lori Hand Rodgers 235 (for Marion Lewis); David McPherson 452; Elizabeth Poss 448t; Porter Lontz-Underhill 106; Janet Plattner 102; Holly Mustascio 280; Catherine Van Duzer 354t; Amanda Patterson 354b; Craig Averill 49t; Erika Roush 564; Abbie Sorg 347. Announcements were made. Julie Swarstad Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

## Sunday, March 2

The Sunday session of the Hand Memorial and Tucson Singing was called to order by Abbie Sorg leading 303. The morning prayer was led by Julie Swarstad Johnson. Leaders: Irene Gilb 171; Leslie Alperin 48t; Peggy Morrison 569b; Erika Roush 467; David Hand 105; David McPherson 430; Eric Metzler 53; Carla Smith 193; Jean Merritt 569t; Logan Hollarsmith 162; Michael McKernon 272; Kaia Wing 504; JP Thom-Gronachan 535; Cathy Cox 86; Craig Averill 55; Catherine Massey 47t; Abbie Sorg 217; Vicki Morgan 547; Jackson Fleder 283; Judy Van Duzer 70b; Ben Copenhaver 486; John Sandstrom 146; Claire Singleton 270.

## RECESS

The class was called back to order by Donna Hand Sewell leading 282. Leaders: Janet Plattner 369; William Gilman 444; Lori Hand Rodgers 198; Barbara de Tourris 400; Jerry Schreiber 536; Elizabeth Poss 500; Porter Lontz-Underhill 383; Holly Mustascio 440; Catherine Van Duzer 81t; Irene Gilb 475.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Julie Swarstad Johnson. The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Edwin McAdam, James R Morgan, Judy Licht, and Joan Fairey. Julie Swarstad Johnson led 68b.

The following deceased were remembered: Bernard Collard—United Kingdom; Jazmine Morales—California; Karen Hand—New Mexico; Mike Garrett—Arizona; John Van Duzer—Colorado; Marcia Klenbort—Georgia; John Roberts—New York. Julie Swarstad Johnson led 549, and concluded the memorial service.

Leaders: Leslie Alperin 497; Peggy Morrison 277; Erika Roush 192. Julie Swarstad Johnson offered thanks for the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Abbie Sorg brought the class back to order by leading 189. Leaders: David Hand 128; Catherine Massey 159; Carla Smith 131t; Michael McKernon 182; Kaia Wing 117; JP Thom Gronachan 181; Craig Averill 410t; Abbie Sorg 209; Rosemary Reimann 146; Vicki Morgan 454; Jackson Fleder 271b; Eric Metzler 505; Judy Van Duzer 180; Abbie Sorg 47b (for Cathy Cox); Jerry Schreiber 236; Janet Plattner 119; Barbara de Tourris 510; Elizabeth Poss 42; Porter Lontz-Underhill 155; Catherine Van Duzer 121; Irene Gilb 276; Julie Swarstad Johnson 31t. There was a short business meeting.

Abbie Sorg led 62 as the closing song. Julie Swarstad Johnson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Abbie Sorg; Secretary—Erika Roush

## IRELAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Greenmount National School, Cork, Ireland

March 1-2, 2025

Saturday, March 1

The 11th session of the Ireland Sacred Harp Convention was held in Cork on the first Sunday and Saturday before in March. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Sinéad Hanrahan leading 52t. Michael Walker offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Katie Ahern 47t; Ger Wolfe 33b; Dermot Peel 171; Bryan Seale 138t; Niamh Madigan 133; James Roche 99; Ailish McMahon 65; Werner Ullah 29t; Eleanor Jones-McAuley 504; Scarlett Lassoff 472; Desmond O'Flynn 569b; Chris Adam 426t; Greg Carson 276; Sara Hellström 173; Mike Morrisroe 411; Mischa Jamy 333; Joe Jones 523.

RECESS

Cath Saunt brought the class to order leading 217. Leaders: Joanna Bennett 505 (in memory of John Bennett); Al Williams 51; Hannah Land 112; Calum Parker 434; Inga Buckland 149; Joshua Lant 416; Rachel Jordan 503; Doug Kurtze 362; Ruby Bilger 56b; Chris Affolter 189; Kim Lusk 89; Andy Ditzler 197; Bridge Hill Kennedy 110; Kate Kirwan 377; Dominik Fraune 32b; Camilla Marie Widholm 196; Annie Flynn 83t.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Michael Walker leading 35. Leaders: Joyce Smith 172; Caro Stamm-Reusch 134; Oskar Kvasnes 350; Sam Kleinman 122; Helen Brown 542; Derek Buckland 146 (in memory of Rob Mahoney); Marie Brandis 212; Matthew Parkinson 273; Eimear Maguire 500; William Cleary 268; Clara Potter-Sweet 396; Chris Noren 263; Hannah Kennedy 430; Steve Brett 319; Caitlin Jay 284; Aislinn Ahern 369; Ellie Knickman 318; Anne Altringham 187; Nick Hall 448t. Ted Brown offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Colleen Jones called the class back to order by leading 287. Leaders: June Murphy 93; Áine Úí Cheallaigh 272; David Brodeur 454; Sadhbh O'Flynn 532; Thom Fahrbach 309; Jerusha Wheeler 31t; Joshua Lant 419; Kate Kirwan 302; Caro Stamm-Reusch 397; Andy Ditzler 198; Camilla Marie Widholm 511; Steve Brett 543; Derek Buckland 101b; Joyce Smith 131t; Dominik Fraune 383; Sara Hellström 215; Bridge Hill Kennedy 400; Eimear Maguire 442; Nick Hall 455; Mike Morrisroe 536; Kim Lusk 384; Matthew Parkinson 392; Marie Brandis 564; Oisin Kidson-Ireland 204.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Amanda Parkes leading 129. Leaders: Kevin Barrans 108t; Anne Eringa 191; Chris Affolter 522; Rachel Jordan 474 (for Sheila and Edwin Macadam); Joe Jones 370; Ellie Knickman 186; Helen Brown 475; Sam Kleinman 298; Aislinn Ahern 546; Chris Noren 485; Inga Buckland 70b (for Cáilia Mann); Doug Kurtze 42; Hannah Land 496 (in memory of Ruth Steggles); William Cleary 47b; Joanna Bennett 45t (in memory of Sebastian Roskosch); Cath Saunt 39t. Sinéad Hanrahan led 267 as the closing song. Anne Altringham offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Sunday, March 2

The Sunday session of the Ireland Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Sinéad Hanrahan leading 171. Kate Kirwan offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Katie Ahern 38t; Amanda Parkes 228; Bryan Seale 76b; Desmond O'Flynn 99 (for Mary Wilson); June Murphy and India Murphy 98; Chris Affolter 77t; Ruby Bilger 335; Greg Carson 481; Anne Eringa 180; William Cleary 283; Oskar Kvasnes 339; Scarlett Lassoff 178; Al Williams 277; Jerusha Wheeler 148; Oisin Kidson-Ireland 322; Ted Brown 35; Calum Parker 209; Rachel Jordan 344.

## RECESS

Dermot Peel led 299 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Helen Brown 492; Chris Noren 436; Claire O'Flynn 556; Andy Ditzler 170; Caitlin Jay 67; Chris Adam 270; Inga Buckland 571; Joe Jones 71; Sara Hellström 155; Sam Kleinman 460; Clara Potter-Sweet 410b; Mike Morrisroe 81t; Aislinn Ahern 33b; Doug Kurtze 38b; Joyce Smith 330t; Dominik Fraune 74b; Colleen Jones 497; Nick Hall 236.

## RECESS

Niamh Madigan called the class back to order leading 451. Leaders: Anne Altringham 37b; Ger Wolfe 48t (for Gerry Wolfe); Kevin Barrans 348b; Camilla Marie Widholm 550; Steve Brett 288 (in memory of Steve Biggs); Joanna Bennett 282; Michael Walker 290.

Sadhbh O'Flynn and Thom Fahrbach conducted the memorial lesson. Sadhbh O'Flynn led 406 for the following sick and housebound: Frank Hill, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Reba Windom, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Pleasance Crawford, Lauren O'Neill, Paul Sainsbury, Tricia Sensor, Jess Nock, Mary Parkes, Ruth O'Reilly, Michelle Blandin, Chris Brown, Michael Jones, Adrian Turner, Robin Turner, Ken Baddley, Ken Hallock, Robin Willis, Denise Kania, Joe McPartland, Elizabeth Roche, David Allan Jones, Edwin Macadam, Cáilia Mann, Mary Wilson, Rob Ferris, Jean Pasay, Dónal O'Flynn, Trish Russell, Jan Saunt, Gemma Hordern, and Liam Hearne.

Thom Fahrbach spoke for the deceased and led 435 in memory of the following people: Michael Kennedy—Cork; Jabbara Edwards—Washington, USA; Reed Schilbach—Washington, USA; Corrone and Ruthanne Bryant—Florida and Maine, USA; Robert Laycock—Derby, UK; Janet Wilcox—Sherwood, UK; Simon White—Buxton, UK; Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia, USA; Phillip Reeves—Georgia, USA, Bernard Collard—Oxford, UK; Rob Mahoney—Goring By Sea, UK; Steve Biggs—Hove, UK; Jon Jaffa—London, UK; Denis McAuley—Dublin; Noreen Corrigan—Dublin; John Bennett—Germany; Sebastian Roskosch—Germany; Gráinne O'Flynn—Ballyhea, Ireland/New York, USA; Julia Poston—Alabama, USA; Henry Guthery—Alabama, USA; Earl Ballinger—Alabama, USA; Bob Goodman—Georgia, USA; Marth Ann Stegar—Georgia, USA; Susan Fecho—California, USA; Chloe Webb—Texas, USA; John Roberts—New York, USA; Massi Agosti—Pennsylvania, USA; Malik Williams—Alabama, USA; Kathleen Smith—Blue Anchor; Gerry Wolfe—Cork; Riffat Jamy—Islamabad, Pakistan; Ann Schluter—North Dakota, USA; Olive Cotter—Dublin; Mick Platt—Crawley, UK; Georgia Lassoff—London, UK; Els Theunissen—Amsterdam, NL; Stephen Clancy—Shetland, UK; Jeff Begley—California, USA; Zareer Mazani—London, UK; Peter Polish—Wales; Dinos Nearchou—London, USA; Peter Child—London, UK; Constanze Denis—London, UK; Dingo Dinkleman—South Africa; Olive Gibson—London, UK; Eileen McCollum—Cork; Barbara Murphy—Dublin; Uushi Nolte—Germany; Eileen Keane—Cavan and Dublin; Robin Nicholson—Sussex, UK; Máire Hickey—Galway; Breda Morrisroe—Cork; Jim Thornhill and Eilish Thornhill—Cork.

Leaders: David Brodeur 466; Bridge Hill Kennedy 456; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 300; Joshua Lant 506; Hannah Land 103. Dermot Peel offered the prayer before lunch.

## LUNCH

Ailish McMahon brought the afternoon session to order leading 127. Leaders: Cath Saunt 183; Kevin Barrans 128; Ruby Bilger 30t; Ted Brown 113; Marie Brandis 328; Derek Buckland 348t; Eimear Maguire 61; Oskar Kvasnes 361; Jerusha Wheeler 200; Matthew Parkinson 224; Kim Lusk 445; Greg Carson 350; Caitlin Jay 340; Chris Adam 112; Ellie Knickman 448b; Tara Walsh 29t; Al Williams 43; Anne Altringham 227; Sam Kleinman 426b; Scarlett Lassoff 331; Doug Kurtze 467; Clara Potter-Sweet 324.

## RECESS

Eleanor Jones-McAuley called the class back to order leading 480. Leaders: June Murphy 547; Chris Affolter 69t; Anne Eringa 285t; Calum Parker 383; Caro Stamm-Reusch 528; James Roche 475; Sadhbh O'Flynn 175; David Brodeur 517; Kate Kirwan 172; Thom Fahrbach 111t; Declan Barron 34b; Joshua Lant 34t.

A business meeting was held in order to hear reports from the various committees. The Secretary reported a total of one hundred and ninety two songs had been sung by eighty nine registered singers, with sixty nine leaders. Seven countries and nine states were represented. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. The meeting was closed.

Sinéad Hanrahan thanked everyone for a great singing and led 62 as the closing song. Ger Wolfe offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Sinéad Hanrahan; Vice Chair—Katie Ahern; Secretary—Amanda Parkes

## **ROGERS MEMORIAL SINGING** **Ephesus School, Roopville, Georgia**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

The Rogers Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held at Ephesus School in Roopville, Georgia, on the first Sunday in March. Denney Rogers called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading 31b. Philip Gilmore offered the morning prayer. Scott Ivey led 33b followed by Karen Rollins who led 34b. A short business session was then held with re-election of the same officers. Judy Chambliss agreed to serve as Arranger. Denney Rogers, as Mayor of Ephesus, welcomed the singers to the city of Ephesus.

Leaders and selections: Judy Chambliss 37b; Nathan Rees 48t; Lee Denney 120 (in memory of Philip Denney); Pam Nunn 224; Lisa Bennett 172 (in memory of Beverly Rollins Thompson); Mammie Sisemore 59; Marty Wootten 312b; Robert Chambliss 225t; Sherry Lovvorn 454; Elene Stovall 182; Myron House 191; Loyd Ivey 99; Cheyenne Ivey 432; Oscar McGuire and Margie Smith 475; Jan House 107.

## RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 389 to bring the class together. Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Linda Thomas 314 (for Pauline Oliver); Winfred Kerr 500; Sarah George 460; Sharon DuPriest 208; Jordan McGuire 143; Karen's family (Barry Rollins, Randa Rollins Harris, Ellie Harris, Elijah Harris, and Ava Harris) 345t and 268; Jack Nelson 228. The memorial lesson was then held. Lisa Bennett talked about the importance of sending cards, calling, and reaching out to those who are unable to sing with us and she led 52b for the following sick and shut-ins: Margaret Thacker, Ed Thacker, Joyce Walton, Darrell Parker, Ernestine Parker, David Light, Wanda Capps, Jack Nelson, Teresa Bethune, Pauline Oliver, Karleen Rogers Williams, Judy Henry, Don Bowen, Donna Duke, Donna Bell, Shawn Taylor, Lois Lee Ramsey, Beau Caldwell, Betty Shepherd, Mike Hinton, Leon Ballinger, Jan Cammon Harrison, and Nate Green. Lisa then said a few words about Beverly Thompson who led her last song at this singing in 2024. She spoke words of comfort to the bereaved and led 275t for the following deceased singers and friends: Earl Ballinger, William and Virginia Futral, Henry Guthery, Malik Williams, Ozella Blackmon, and Julia Poston—Alabama; Tony Rogers, Beverly Rollins Thompson, Sylvia Tyree, and Danny Griffin—Georgia; John Smead—Missouri; Merle Denney—South Carolina. Judy Chambliss closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Philip Gilmore 47b (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Phillip Langley 430; Lauren Bock 212; Nicholas Thompson 436; Charlotte Bishop 335; Shane Wootten 324.

## LUNCH

Chair Denney Rogers began the afternoon session by leading 159. Leaders: Stanley Smith 564 (for Syd Caldwell); Blake Sisemore 380; Judy Caudle 455; Donna Wootten 123t; Tom George 202; Rebekah Gilmore 220; David Smead 450; Abigail Cannon 187; Cecil Roberts 229; Reba Windom 411; Jesse P. Karlsberg 302; Sharon Whitehead 112; Erica Hinton 105; Bill DuPre 385t; Sheri Taylor 385b; Jamey Wootten 495; Marilyn Bradley 124; Kasey Cook and Lee Denney 405; Matt Hinton 138t; John Plunkett 197. Karen Rollins, Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn and Denney Rogers led 222 for their sister, Karleen Williams. Announcements were made. The officers led 46 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Cecil Roberts.

Chairman—Denney Rogers; Vice Chairman—Scott Ivey; Secretary—Karen Rollins

## **NORTH CAROLINA SACRED HARP SINGING**

### **Pullen Memorial, North Carolina**

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

The annual North Carolina All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Pullen Memorial, North Carolina, on Saturday before the second Sunday in March. Celia Lechtman called the class to order leading 472. Sally Owens offered a prayer. Leaders: Skeet Surrency 335; Kaleb Delk 98 (ShH); Stella Rosen 385t; Tyler Benjamin 163b; Mike Devito 278t; Megan Kachadorian 82t; Eric Conrad 300; Bill Lowry 155; Corinne Serfass 42; Anne Gilliland 143; Chris Wolf 77 (ShH); Andrea Angott 217; Elizabeth Davenport 77t; Erin Newton 268 (ShH); Pat Temple 59; Kyle Johnston 420t (ShH); Elana Conway 187b (ShH); Adrienne Robertson and Mollie Ogle 10 (ShH); Michael Archer 480.

#### **RECESS**

Skeet Surrency called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Miriam Delirium 39t; Chandler Thigpen 282; Pat Ward 312b; John Alexander 317; Jacob Lindler 58; Ellie Snyder 182; Kathy Kaiser 436; Joan Robinson 344; Corinne Serfass 136 (ShH); Rich Hammer 107; Linda Hamburger 98; Tyler Benjamin 340; Michele Dohse 63; Kaleb Delk 210 (ShH); Celia Lechtman 305 (ShH); Chris Wolf 137 (ShH); Stella Rosen 178. Sally Owens offered a prayer.

#### **LUNCH**

Skeet Surrency called the class back to order leading 388. Leaders: Megan Kachadorian 290; Mike Devito 381; Eric Conrad 142; Kyle Johnston 197 (ShH); Anne Gilliland 158b (ShH); Ray Cohan 147 (ShH); Oliver Surrency 162; Andrea Angott 40; Pat Temple 551; Chandler Thigpen 358; Michael Archer 171 (ShH); Joe Guarascio and Emily Dingler 47b; Adrienne Robertson 66; Erin Newton 266 (ShH). Sally Owens conducted the lesson to remember the following deceased: Jeff Bell—Minnesota; Caroline Miester and Bette Rosen—California; Stephanie M—Florida; Hank Schutz and Amy Archer—Virginia; Bob Sloop—North Carolina; Elka Shumann—Vermont. Skeet Surrency led 176t.

Sally Owens conducted the lesson to remember the following sick and shut-ins: Izzy Pezzulo, Werner Kist, Kit O’Berry, Suzanne Newton, and Charles Bass. Michele Dohse and Erin Newton led 532.

Leaders: Kyle Johnston 105 (ShH); Goni Ronen 410t; Rachel Mann 86.

#### **RECESS**

Skeet Surrency called the class back to order leading 159. Leaders: Miriam Delirium and Mikee Strongman 260 (ShH); Emily Dingler and Eric Conrad 146; John Alexander 404 (ShH); Zachary Pittard 204; Ellie Snyder 512; Jacob Lindler 259 (ShH); Chris Wolf 254 (ShH); Elizabeth Davenport 47t; Corinne Serfass 140t (ShH); Bill Lowry 408b (ShH); Celia Lechtman 390; Evan Herr and Adrienne Robertson 243 (ShH); Michael Archer 277; Tyler Benjamin 362; Pat Temple 64; Adrienne Robertson 474; Kyle Johnston 129t (ShH).

Skeet Surrency led 62 as the closing song. He announced the total songs numbering seventy-four and thirty-six leaders. The class was dismissed.  
Chair—Izzy Pezzulo; Secretaries—Derek Lane and Eric Conrad

**OLYMPIA SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Prosperity Grange, Olympia, Washington**  
**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

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. Song selections 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. The morning sessions of this singing utilized the double song lesson, in memory of the late singer, Solomon Ossa.

Leaders: Kate Fortin 171, 81t (in memory of Solomon Ossa); Eleanor Stevens 155, 63; Marla Elliott 38b, 66; Ani Gordon and Sophie Sokolov 146; Karen Willard “Change Song”, 332; Laura McMurray 39b, 138b; Kevin Barrans 124, 373; Rosie Sokolov 313t, 298; Deb Koch 370, 302; Anne Huckins 448b, 315; Kate Fine 38t, 538.  
RECESS

The second session was brought back to order by Carrie Walker leading 82t.

Leaders: Bob Schinske 145t, 396; Maggie Luthin 335, 56b; Ruth Linehan 348b, 436; Dorothy Robinson 275t, 77t; Paul Chamberlain 547, 86; Dorothy Mitchell 497, 354t; Peter Schinske 271t, 128; Maggie Gammons 209; David Wright 321, 426b; Sophie Sokolov 234, 100; Nancy Novotny 274t, 573. Rosie Sokolov asked a blessing before the meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was brought to order by Kate Fortin leading 32t. Leaders: Thom Fahrbach 540, 200; Pippa Stoddard 157; Jamie Dawson 505; Steve Cackley 543; Kristofer Ilex 217; Emma Schwarz 564; Laura McMurray 345b; Sophie Sokolov 511; Ruth Linehan 460; Maggie Luthin 59; Kevin Barrans 422; Rosie Sokolov 384; Mullen Hamilton 47b; Marla Elliott 430; Carrie Walker 414; Peter Schinske 166; Kenzie Carter and Maggie Gammons 178; Kate Fine 532.

**RECESS**

The day's final session was brought to order by Kevin Barrans leading 354b. Leaders: Dorothy Mitchell 474; Deb Koch with Jenna Tompkins 245; Nancy Novotny 480; Karen Willard 401; Leland Ross with Peter Schinske 224; Kristofer Ilex 32b; Paul Chamberlain 492; Thom Fahrbach 383; Dorothy Robinson 26; Bob Schinske 496 in honor of Sophia Schinske; Emma Schwarz 285b; Jenna Tompkins 235 in honor of Ian Suchon; Pippa Stoddard 57; Mullen Hamilton 112; Sophie Sokolov 48t; David Wright 503; Anne Huckins 162; Jamie Dawson 133; Kate Fortin 344; Steve Cackley 111b; Rosie Sokolov 76b; Carrie Walker 142.

A business meeting was held. Carrie Walker, 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 Kristofer Ilex, Paul Chamberlain and Bob Schinske 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 thirty-two leaders led eighty-five songs. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Jenna Tompkins led 267 as the closing song. Rosie Sokolov delivered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Jenna Tompkins; Secretary—Deb Koch

## MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION

Webster Groves, Missouri

March 8-9, 2025

**Saturday, March 8**

The 40th annual Missouri State Convention was held in Webster Groves, Missouri, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March. Marcus Whitman called the class to order by leading 29t, and then offered the opening prayer. Marcus welcomed all singers and attenders, gave general announcements, and led 34b.

Leaders: Dave Ressler 127 (MH); Prisca Rice 2 (MH); Tommy Schultz 177 (MH); John Huffman 176b; Penny Kujawinski 448t; Alice Bean 40; Martha Tyner 479; David Carlton 138 (MH); JoDell Albi 372; Shirley Figura 235; Bill Caldwell 240; Cindy Burlison 361; Clara Herr 348b; Denise Kania 500; Abigail Schultz 180 (MH); Katie Huffman 299; Ann Drexler 87.

RECESS

Dave Lloyd brought the class back together by leading 109. Leaders: Merlin Whitman and Linnea Whitman 38b; Luke Hamann 458; Heather Nehre and Andrew Nehre 503; Jim Herr 120; Jim Pfau 474; Allison Langston 542; Carla Bermudez 117; Lisa Bulawsky 135 (MH); Matt Wells 475; Cory Winters 349; Rebecca Comas 209; Ginny Landgraf 148 (MH).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Prisca Rice, Ellie Hamann, and Jeff Hamann who led 63. Leaders: Lori Gruber 147 (MH); Karen Isbell 77 (MH); Liz Patton 134 (MH); Peter Bringe 277; Jonathon Smith 214; Nadia Bolz-Weber 142; Adrian Eldridge 171; Gail Doss 191; Mike Mullin 444; Barbara Lehr 178; Rob Tibbs 163b. Marcus Whitman led 164 (MH) as the prayer for dinner.

LUNCH

Marcus Whitman began the afternoon session by leading 30b. Leaders: Paul Figura 38t; Shannon Tibbs 42; Roberta Strauss and Katie Huffman 236; Hollie Powell 564; Paul Wyatt 114; Thomas Koehnline 285t; Judy Mincey 75 (MH) (in memory of Lee Rodgers); Steven Schmidgall 156; Mckenna Mullis 217; Tammy Heinsohn 455; David Hardy 198; Darrell Wayne 282; Ann French and Prisca Rice 47b; John Uhlemann led a new song called Cranville.

RECESS

Dave Ressler brought the class back to order by leading 300. Leaders: Samuel Williams 160t; Cindy Burlison 334; Aubrey Hemminger 276; Jenny Whitman and Anne 268; Theophilus Schultz 31t; Darrell Wayne 319; Carla Bermudez 360; Jonathon Smith 442; John Huffman 63; Penny Kujawinski 384; Martha Tyner 454; Luke Hamann 535; Ryan Hill 84; Prisca Rice 112 (for Mona and Patty); Roberta Strauss and Prisca Rice 569b (by request); Allison Langston 472 (in memory of Dan Brittain). Marcus Whitman took announcements from those not attending the Sunday session, led 146, and closed the day with prayer.

**Sunday, March 9**

The Sunday session of the Missouri State Convention met in Webster Groves for another of singing. Dave Kaeser brought the class to order by leading 142. He offered the morning prayer. Dave welcomed all, and led 547. Leaders: Marcus Whitman 284; Prisca Rice 59; Shirley Figura 213t; Alice Bean 10 (MH); Anne Drexler 51 (MH); Cori Winters 13 (MH); Adrian Eldridge 145 (MH); Bernardine Sommer and Matthias Sommer 49b; Clara Herr 163b; Gail Doss 512; Lisa Bulawsky 353; Ginny Landgraf 370; David Carlton 33b; Nadia Bolz-Weber and Natalie Wilson 56b; Matt Wells 534; Mike Mullin 50b.

RECESS

Thomas Koehnline brought the class back together by leading 426b. Leaders: Samuel Williams 377; Liz Patton 283.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Steven Schmidgall read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Cindy Beaule, Janet Fraembis, Terry Hogg, Peggy Brayfield, Donald Spragg, Karen Frank, Gary Gronau, Sue Duff, Ed Walton, Greta Holbrook, Chris Brown, Judy Whiting, Don Bowen, Roger Crabtree, Bo Caldwell, B.R. Black, Judy Hauff, Marcia Johnson, Ted Johnson, Donna Gunderson-Rogers, and Pete Reinl. After making comments, he led 330b in their honor.

Jim Herr read the following list of names of the dead: Curtis Cook, Peter Frank, Reed Schilbach, Olga Chandler, Tom Anderson, Steve Duff, Bernard Collard, Ozella Blackmon, H. Japeth Jackson, Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery, Ted Lewis, Christian Camlin, Jeff Bell, Betty Bauer, Brenda Soboleski, Jonathan Soboleski, Laura Ressler Van Gorp, Fred Van Gorp, and Steve Van Gorp. He made comments, and led 285t in their memory.

Leaders: Aubrey Hemminger 62 (MH); Mckenna Mullis 76b; Shannon Tibbs 86 (in memory of Curtis Cook); Mckenna Mullis, Alison Langston, and Cory Winters 313b; Paul Wyatt 4 (MH); Thomas Koehnline 270; Tammy Heinsohn 178; Bill Caldwell 89 (for Jan Ketelle). Dave Kaeser led the class in singing the Doxology, and Bill Caldwell prayed a blessing over the meal.

#### LUNCH

Liz Patton brought the class together leading 32t. Leaders: JoDell Albi 122 (MH); Barbara Lehr and Thomas Koehnline 127 (MH); Rob Tibbs 117; Paul Figura and Joelle Axelle 318; Judy Mincey 8 (MH); Roberta Strauss 218 (in memory of Becky Browne); Jim Herr 546; Natalie Wilson and Nadia Bolz-Weber 34b; Grace Preston and Jenny Preston 159; Karen Isbell 84 (MH); Steven Schmidgall 496; Jenny Whitman 66; John Uhlemann 70 (MH); Marcus Whitman, Zachary Jobe, and Samuel Jobe 448t; Paul Wyatt 456; Dave Lloyd 68 (MH); Allison Langston 162.

#### RECESS

JoDell Albi brought the class back to order by leading 501. Leaders: Jim Pfau 203; Ginny Landgraf 175 (MH); Denise Kania 192; David Carlton 538; Matt Wells 2 (MH); Mike Mullin 58; Barbara Lehr and Thomas Koehnline 277; Tammy Heinsohn 504; Gail Doss and Judy Mincey 567; Bill Caldwell 212; Tommy Schultz 503; Paul Wyatt 176t; Adrian Eldridge 434; Aubrey Hemminger 344; Jim Pfau and Denise Kania 99. Dave Kaeser warmly thanked all who attended, took announcements, and led 300. Tommy Schultz offered the closing prayer. The class sang 62 while taking the parting hand, and was dismissed.

Chairman—Marcus Whitman; Vice Chairman—Dave Kaeser; Secretary—Prisca Rice

## TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

San Antonio, Texas

March 8-9, 2025

Saturday, March 8

The 31st annual Texas State Sacred Harp Convention met on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March, at Coker Global Methodist Church. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. This convention is normally held on the fourth weekend in February, but due to a church related event, the facility was not available on that weekend, therefore, the convention was delayed for a couple of weeks.

Chairman Scott Curran was absent on Saturday. Janie Short addressed the class with a welcome address. Vice Chairman Cody Gonzales led 106 for the opening song. Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cody Gonzales 277; Tammy Powell 142, 472; Jeb Owen 278b, 452; Janie Short 350, 228; Criste Tonra 47b, 312b; Lauren Owen 61, 171; John Hoerr 276, 313b; Jason Steiner 58, 146; Fred Wilkey 34b, 474; Liz Owen 475, 328; Amy Peveto 532, 490; Brooke Robb 76b, 448b.

## RECESS

Leaders: Cody Gonzales 31t; Gaylon Powell 272, 236; Beverly Coates 150, 177; Silas Huckaby 454, 480; Kristie Powell 564, 274t; Douglas Foster 503, 32t; Hardy Davis 122, 84; Jackson Owen 56b, 535; Vivian Rogan 235, 215; Rick Foreman 334, 46; Stina Soderling 200, 375; David Montgomery 276, 141; Ivy Hauser-Hall 27, 210. The class dismissed for lunch with the blessing being asked by Elder David Montgomery.

## LUNCH

Leaders: Cody Gonzales 452; Tristan Gordon 430, 335; Linda Booker 566, 440; Gary Rogan 360, 101t; Sarah McIntush 551, 63; Tom Owen 70b, 500; Olivia Powell 148, 128; Tammy Powell 344; Jackson Owen 80b; Vivian Rogan 64; Jason Steiner 117; Lauren Owen 178; Fred Wilkey 29b.

## RECESS

Leaders: Cody Gonzales 39t; Liz Owen 546; Jeb Owen 198; Olivia Powell 168; John Hoerr 189; Stina Soderling 441; Kristie Powell and Krsangi Dove 448t; Ivy Hauser-Hall 157; Silas Huckaby 74b; Tristan Gordon 146 (for Mike Hinton); Gaylon Powell 302; Sarah McIntush 428, 79; Tom Owen 373; Brooke Robb 30b; Beverly Coates 421; Linda Booker 569b; Gary Rogan 384; Amy Peveto 108b; Janie Short 85 (in memory of Tom Kane). Cody Gonzales appointed Gaylon Powell, Vivian Rogan, and Ivy Houser-Hall to serve as the Nomination Committee, and Tristan Gordon, Beverly Coates, and Amy Peveto to serve as the Memorial Committee. He led 312t as the closing song. Tom Owen offered the closing prayer.

## Sunday, March 9

The Sunday session of the Texas State Convention began with Scott Curran leading 34b. Rick Foreman led the opening prayer. Leaders: Scott Curran 99; Tammy Powell 217, 222; John Hoerr 47t, 33b; Kristie Powell 110, 442; Criste Tonra 159, 268; Rick Foreman 145t, 145b; Michele Curran 547, 377; Fred Wilkey 501, 481; Stina Soderling 275t, 270; Abi Curran 274t, 146.

## RECESS

Leaders: Scott Curran 129; Tristan Gordon 271t, 36b; Ivy Houser Hall 115, 130. The memorial lesson was held at this time. Amy Peveto read the following list of names of the sick and homebound: Mike Hinton, LaVerne Hinton, Kevin Powell, Leon Ballinger, and Martha Miller. She then led 68b in their honor.

Tristan Gordon read the following list of names of the deceased: Tom Kane, James Jones, Elaine Peveto, Esther Huckaby, and Chloe Webb. He then led 48t in their memory. Tom Owen offered the closing prayer for the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Tom Owen 512, 330t; Janie Short 335, 455; Hoss Curran 319, 388; Amy Peveto 282, 176b; Brooke Robb 565, 32t; Ellee Curran 117, 128; Linda Booker 452, 34t; Beverly Coates 294, 387.

In a business meeting, the Nominating Committee nominated Cody Gonzales as Chairman, Vivian Rogan as Vice Chairman, Tammy Powell as Secretary, and Mike Hinton as Treasurer. Silas Huckaby asked the blessing before the noontime meal.

## LUNCH

Leaders: Scott Curran 76b; Silas Huckaby 138t, 345b; Sarah McIntush 273, 83b; Gaylon Powell 183, 53; Tammy Powell 494; Stina Soderling 172; Michele Curran 269; Fred Wilkey 107; Ivy Houser Hall 170; Tristan Gordon 171; Hoss Curran 480; John Hoerr 212; Ellee Curran 196; Kristie Powell 504; Brooke Robb 275b; Amy Peveto 318; Criste Tonra 49b; Sarah McIntush 229; Beverly Coates 499; Gaylon Powell 380; Janie Short 496.

Scott Curran and Tammy Powell led 323t as the closing song. Mike Hinton led the closing prayer.

Chairman—Scott Curran; Vice Chairman—Cody Gonzales; Secretary—Tammy Powell

## WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS SACRED HARP CONVENTION

Bombyx Center For Arts & Equity, Florence, Massachusetts

March 8-9, 2025

Saturday, March 8

The 25th 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 Kate Bergren leading 59. Micah John Walter offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kit Walsh 171; Angela Ruggiero-Corliiss 73t; Linda Shea 475; Rick Johnson 530; Matthew Léger-Small 71; Charles Biada 133; Jana Yeaton 77t; Sophie Jean Ledden 345b; Sam Kleinman 187; Anabel Gravel Chabot 125; Jasmine Mendoza 351; Isabel Linhares 76b; Owen Stoddard 35; Don Youngberg, Clarissa Youngberg, Margaret Youngberg, and Crispin Youngberg 39t; Michaela Natal 63; Alison Forster 198.

RECESS

Micah John Walter called the class back to order by leading 74b. Leaders: Wendy Sibbison 99; Chris Geissler 300; Bill Holt 532; Jack Tremblay and Léon Coupal-Soutière 288; Noah Mease and Ryan Courtney 38t; Joel Newberger 33b; Laura Clawson 224; Davenport Herrick-Walace 47b; Lily Hammond 383; Stuart Jackson 404; Joan Frankel 284; Mary Skidmore 222; Grant Cook 410b; Lael Birch 384; Cora Wareh 95; Taylor Ward 179.

RECESS

Myles Louis Dakan led 67 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Kate Richardson 361; Guy Bankes 481; Justin Squizzer 536; John Holbrook 146; Robert Stoddard 500; Calvin Robertson and Rob Arbelo 178; Jennie Brown 460; Anayis Wright 189; Joseph Dunn 457; Robin Luckwaldt 312b; Ru Perry-Mize and friend 480; Linda Coppock 377; George Howe 34b; Jean Seiler 472; Lynette Combs 107; Margaret Hughes 385t; Christopher Kain 381; Carole Crompton 193. A blessing for the meal was offered by Rebecca Hawkins.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rebecca Hawkins and Susanna Hoffmann leading 282. Leaders: Becky Wright 216; Peter Irvine 183; Lisa Bennett 432; Em Ekelund 302; Lauren Bock 428; Philou 272; Anna Hinton 430; Andy Ditzler 218; Tom Ivey 236; Juliet McFadden 335; Bridge Hill Kennedy 228; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 512; Anne Altringham 546; Kshama Ananthapura 270; Clara Potter-Sweet 328; Esther Morgan-Ellis 456; Elsa Phemayotin 376; David Smead 97; Sunny Doyle 49b; Rachel Hall 429; Névé Dumas 320; Randy Neufeld 504; Quasar Phoenix 112.

RECESS

Ian Quinn called the class back to order by leading 84. Leaders: Crispin Youngberg 53; Elizabeth Stoddard 423; Daniel Zaloum 426b; Samantha Adioetomo 528; David Brodeur 368; Sharon Strong 254; Jason Jack 567; Korey Guerrieri 340; Ryan Courtney 425; Ariana Roberge 209; Kobi Bordoley 354t; Rachel Field 30t; Tarik Wareh 203; Jocelyn Kurtze 142; Joan Nagy 162; Gwen Gethner 52b; Eléa Regembal 168; Elias Neuman Donihue 141; Nicandra Galper 344; Annie Reynolds 277; Martin Hamilton 372; Alex Van Sant 274b; Andal Sundaramurthi 522; Penny Henzel 417; Evan Landon 378t; Sam Dembling 569b; Sarah Maika 182; Kate Bergren and Kit Walsh 129. Jana Yeaton dismissed the class with prayer.

Sunday, March 9

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 Kate Bergren leading 276. Tim Eriksen offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Kit Walsh 30t; Becky Wright 33t; Joel Rosen 315; Peter Irvine 441; Rebecca Hawkins 131b; Kshama Anathapura 37b; R. Anuhea Sebstad 111b; Myles Louis Dakan 101b; Robin Luckwaldt 163t; Joseph Dunn 114; Yael Tarshish and Suzan Greenberg 440; Robert Stoddard 70b; Elsa Phemayotin 229; Margaret Youngberg 324; Rob Arbelo 313b.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Matthew Leger-Small leading 68b. Leaders: Rowan Lupton 448t; Will Harron 106; David DiLorenzo 47b; Samantha Adioetomo and Margaret Deutch 58; Esther Wade 365; Nathan Aldrich 344; Anabel Gravel-Chabot 474; David Smead 174; Mel Novner 564; Michael Nord 196; Michael Ipsen 417; Christine Andrews 34t; Guy Bankes 391; Philou 40; Sophie Jean Ledden 288; Lauren Bock 396; Molly Merrett, Michael Nord, and Freya 81t; Dan Coppock 477; Clara Potter-Sweet 378b; George Sigut 455.

#### RECESS

Michaela Natal called the class together leading 87. Leaders: Gwen Gethner 411; Jeremy Galvagni 100; Elizabeth Stoddard 77b; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 208; A memorial lesson was given by John Holbrook. Tim Eriksen and Angela Ruggiero-Corliess read the following list of names of the deceased: Heather Wood, John Roberts, Norman MacAfee, Rima Nickel—New York; Carlene Raper, Bill Fellinger, Rob Eley, Evelyn Sorenson—Vermont; Joan Morris, Gregory Marsh, Steve Biggs, Rob Mahoney—United Kingdom; Chloe Webb—Texas; Corrone and Ruth Anne Bryant—Maine; Mallory Lipton, Ann Hudson, Bob Goodman, Martha Ann Stregar—Georgia; Tom Tucker, Daniel Wert, Gary Broughton—Pennsylvania; Grace Chappell—New Jersey; Leah Kunkel—Massachusetts; Tom and Mary MacIllwraith, Cécile Emond, Sam Nordquist, Jory—Canada; Louise Godfrey, Susan Fatcho—California; William Ralph Parris—Kentucky; Mary Zikos; Haley Ratemaker; John Bennett—Germany; Julia Poston, Henry Guthery, Earl Ballinger—Alabama; Reid Schilbach, Dana Peugh—Washington; James Van Sant—New Mexico. John, Tim, and Angela led 503.

Matthew Wojcik gave the lesson remembering the sick and homebound. Matthew read the following names: Dan Hertzler, David Singer, Perrin Scott, Peter Amidon, Pat Walker, Indigo Micciche, Greta Holbrook, Pat Callahan, Bobbie Goodell, James Baumgartner, Shawn Taylor, Barrie Jane Kintner, Anna Bowen, Joanne Cooke, Darrell and Ernestine Parker, Susie McIntosh, Hernan and Benilda Serrano, Mrs. A.C. Anderson, Lynn Fulton Pfannestiel, Lance Fulton, Melissa Fulton, John Ryden Nelson, Martina Robertson, Jonathan Daube, Debbie Hall, Jim Hall, Lael Birch, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Reba Windom, Margaret Thacker, Pleasance Crawford, Ferne Cristal, Edwin Macadam, Odessa Flores-Vasquez, Bart Wright, Virginia Black, Patti Davis, Dan Phemayotin, Walter Wojcik, Lilybob Isham, Ben Eley. Matthew led 32b. Tim Eriksen offered a prayer following the lessons. Leaders: Lilly Israel 127; Agnes-Dardana Ymeraga 489; Em Ekelund 498; Bridge Hill Kennedy 400; Anne Altringham 287; Andy Ditzler 454; Rachel Hall 436; Sebastian Beaghen 217; Sunny Doyle 410t; Tom Ivey 380. Tim Eriksen said a blessing for the meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Grant Cook leading 102. Leaders: Sam Kleinman 187; Eléa Regembal 442; Ron Trial 497; Colleen Hayes 177; Allison Steel 542; Ariane Roberge 318; Charles Biada and Jasmine Mendoza 373; Emma Rose Brown 145t; Clara Griffin 186; Harry Bernholz 227; Molly B. Ellis 496; Laura Borrelli 142; Erin Fulton 158; David Brodeur 336; Laurence Vezina 269; Kobi Bordoley and Sam Dembling 148; Deidra Montgomery 316; Wyn Batson 426b; William Schuller 274t; Léon Coupal-Soutiére 68t; Lizzy Dunn 384; Tim Eriksen 435; Ryan Courtney and

Elias Neuman-Donihue 445; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 138b; Larry Bingham 193; Korey Guerrieri 313t; Sharon Strong 524.

**RECESS**

The last session of the day was called to order by Matthew Wojcik leading 105.

Leaders: Ben Sachs-Hamilton 371; Jocelyn Kurtze 72b; Jacob Hamidi 155; Lium Myce and Robin Luckwaldt 42; Owen Stoddard 30b; Lisa Bennett 214; Micah John Walter and Rebecca Jones 76b; Anna Hinton 419; Hannah Kaya 86; Randy Neufeld 501; Penny Henzel 348t; Taylor Ward 69t; Laura Clampitt and Susanna Hoffmann 570; Marie Brandis 212; Jamie Dye 390; Alex Van Sant 268; Gerald Clark 225t; Névé Dumas 99; Wendy Sibbison, Linda Shea, and Deidra Montgomery 558.

A business meeting was called to order. The treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The secretary reported that three hundred and twenty five singers from sixteen states and five countries were registered. One hundred seventeen leaders directed two hundred and ten 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 chairperson. The class resolved, God willing, to meet again in 2026 in Florence, Massachusetts, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in March.

The business meeting was closed, and announcements were made.

Kate Bergren, Kit Walsh, and Angela Ruggiero-Corliss led 62 as the closing song.

Tim Eriksen offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Kate Bergren; Vice Chairperson—Kit Walsh; Secretary—Angela Ruggiero-Corliss

**OXFORD SINGING**  
**Oxford, Mississippi**  
**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

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 138b and 39t. Ken Tate offered the morning prayer. Mark Davis led 71 and 411.

Molly Gatewood was appointed secretary, and Will Gatewood was appointed to arrange leaders. Leaders: Molly Gatewood 488, 455; Arlon Gardner 454, 49b; Sophie Gardner 282, 277; Jeff Corbett 31t, 344; Kerry Cullinan 70t, 569b; Jan Murray 31b, 285t; Anne Steel 269, 348b; Garrett Herndon 300, 503.

**RECESS**

Mark Davis brought the class to order leading 200. Leaders: Suzy Bishop 127, 325; Curtis Gregory 119, 341; Chuck Howell 40, 452; Lisa Geist 528, 272; Mary Amelia Taylor 385t, 278t; Beth Wallace 546, 442; Regina Derstine 208, 27; Mark Tew 108t, 318; Valerie Gatewood 143, 207; Ken Tate 147t, 147b.

**LUNCH**

Warren Steel called the afternoon session to order by leading 195. A brief memorial lesson was held. The list of deceased included Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery and Ozella Blackmon—Alabama; Mel Kersey—Tennessee; Bill Fellinger—Vermont; and Corrone and Ruth Bryant—Florida and Maine. Beth Wallace and Warren Steel led 177 in memory of the deceased.

Leaders: Jeff James 124, 547; Danny Creel and Larry Ballinger 384, 224; Will Gatewood 535, 52b; Kerry Cullinan 378t; Jeff Corbet 99; Garrett Herndon 475; Beth Wallace 196; Danny Creel 106; Jeff James 569b; Mary Amelia Taylor 228; Sophie Gardner 457.

Following announcements, the officers led 288 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Jeff James.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Vice Chairman—Mark Davis; Secretary—Molly Gatewood

## **HOBOKEN SACRED HARP SINGING (COOPER BOOK)**

**Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Hoboken, Georgia**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

The 28th annual session of the Hoboken All-Day Singing met at Mars Hill Primitive Baptist Church, on Saturday before the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Riley Lee. Riley offered opening remarks by welcoming those visiting, and then led the class in singing the major and minor scales. Riley led 208 as the opening song. Elder Jason Deal offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Riley Lee 68b; David Lee 68t; Clarke Lee 444t; Kenan Serenbetz 81; Maygan Barker and Shawn Taylor 72; Shawn Taylor 522; Gene Pinion 30b; Devin Scherck 411; Rachel Speer 30t.

**RECESS**

Clarke Lee brought the class back together leading 484. Leaders: Dan Edwards 535t; Steve Luttinen 163b; Karen Clark 410; Tollie Lee and David Lee 544; Miriam Delirium 543; Sam Tiratto 48t; Peter Talsness 254; Dawn Stanford 108b; Timothy Altman 56; James Williamson 500; Rosie Sokolov 138t; Maddy Mullany 57.

**RECESS**

Riley Lee brought the class back together leading 563. Leaders: Clarke Williams 559; Stefani Priskos 98.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Riley Lee spoke about the words from 208, "It is by little steps we move toward a full communion." He spoke about those who have gone on before and the little things they have done to encourage us along the way. Riley led 507t for those loved ones who have passed away. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer offered by Elder Clarke Lee.

Leaders: José Camacho 201; Sully Sokolov 359; Oscar McGuire 293b; Kevin Juarez 492; Beverly Dayton 575; Terry Herrin 319; Ellen Fournier 511t. The lunch blessing was offered by Elder Shane O'Neal.

**LUNCH**

Riley Lee brought the class back together leading 54t. Leaders: Will Johnson 587; Jason Deal 58; Tony Batten and Bailey Asbury 348t; Carol Buche 269; Kenan Serenbetz 67; Maygan Barker and Rachel Speer 135; Devin Scherck 505; Steve Luttinen 504; Karen Clark 573; Julie Lee 109; Miriam Delirium 133; Kathy Lee 42; Sam Triatto 82; Rosie Sokolov 558.

**RECESS**

Mary Elizabeth O'Neal brought the class back together leading 107. Leaders: Maddy Mullany 439; Erick Rubio 106; Clarke Williams 152; Shane O'Neal 283; Stefani Priskos 38t; Sully Sokolov 337; Beverly Dayton 516; Marja Millard 155; Ellen Fournier 162; Carol Buche 210; Rachel Speer 276; Ashley Thompson and Jessica Altman 331b.

Following announcements, Riley Lee led 580 as the closing song. Elder Terry Herrin offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Riley Lee; Secretary—Jessica Altman

## **SOUTH CAROLINA SINGING**

### **IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WALKER**

#### **Spartanburg County, South Carolina**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

The 29th session of the South Carolina Singing in memory of William Walker was held at Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Frances Carnell, who welcomed the singers and led 22t (CH). John Plunkett gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Frances Carnell 21 (CH); Mary Baumeister 451t (CH); Phil Perrin 184 (CH); Jacob Lindler 359 (CH); Robert Kelley 368b (CH); Jeremiah Ledbetter 314 (CH); Jonathan Wood 386 (CH); John Plunkett 389 (CH); Bill Hogan 50 (CH); Jane Cannon 8 (CH); Mike Spencer 397b (CH); Leon Carnell 346 (CH); Leslie Booher 507t (CH); Chris Wilhelm 528 (CH); Gaea Singer and Leslie Booher 152b (CH). A business meeting was held. Because we have no bank account and hold no money, Bobbi Albert, our Treasurer suggested that we do away with that officer position. Whatever money we collect goes to the minutes at FaSoLa and to Second Presbyterian Church in gratitude for hosting us. We agreed to retain the 3 remaining officers as follows for the next year: Chair—Frances Carnell; Vice Chair—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Frances Carnell 29t; Dave Farmer 28t; Mary Baumeister 336; Phil Perrin 457; Jacob Lindler 448t; Robert Kelley 468; Jeremiah Ledbetter 459; Jonathan Wood 53; John Plunkett 130; Bill Hogan 129; Jane Cannon 213t; Mike Spencer 207; Daron Douglas 65; Leslie Booher 133; Gaea Singer 77t; Chris Wilhelm 141.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Frances Carnell 376; Mary Baumeister 160t; Phil Perrin 39t; Jacob Lindler 140; Robert Kelley 513; Jeremiah Ledbetter 104; Jonathan Wood 145t; John Plunkett 71; Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 171; Jane Cannon 383; Mike Spencer 382; Daron Douglas 146; Gaea Singer 324; Leslie Booher 274t; Chris Wilhelm 415; Dave Farmer 544 (CH); Mary Baumeister 532 (CH); Phil Perrin 117 (CH); Jacob Lindler 431 (CH); Robert Kelley 482 (CH); Jeremiah Ledbetter 152t (CH); Jonathan Wood 86b (CH); John Plunkett 525 (CH); Bill Hogan and Nancy Hogan 281b (CH); Jane Cannon 64 (CH); Mike Spencer 531 (CH); Leslie Booher 188 (CH); Leon Carnell 143 (CH); Jane Cannon and Chris Wilhelm 455b (CH). Announcements were made.

Frances Carnell led 267 as the closing song. Leon Carnell offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Frances Carnell; Vice Chairman—Dave Farmer; Secretary—Mary Baumeister

## WEST MIDLANDS SINGING Bromsgrove, United Kingdom Saturday, March 15, 2025

The 2nd session of the annual West Midlands All-Day Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in March at Fairfield Village Hall, Fairfield, Bromsgrove, United Kingdom. The class was called to order by Chris Coombs and Oisin Kisdon-Ireland leading 171. Joe Vickers offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sarah West 31b; Jess Nock 49t; Elliot Cole-Parsons and Sam Cole 101t (for Annie Immel-Parkinson); Hannah Land 36b; Francis Barton 56t; Sophie Lockhart 153; John Sprackland 288; Christopher Tedd 30t; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 100; Joe Vickers 52b; Sonia Nayar 30b; Tom Sprackland 85; Matthew Parkinson 131b (for Michael Walker); Sheila Girling Macadam 475; Ed Johnson-Williams 303; Kate Kirwan 42; Richard Mayers 449; Jacoba Bruneel 411; Al Williams 67; Joyce Smith 283.

#### RECESS

Joshua Lant called the class to order leading 159. Leaders: Chris Noren 263; Steve Brett 322; Frederick Simmons 107; Erin Johnson-Williams 392; Helen Brown 379; Constance Des Marais 312b; Edwin Macadam 344; Barry Parsons 275b.

Jess Nock conducted a moving combined sick/housebound and memorial lesson, sharing thoughts on the power of community and fellowship. Thinking of those loved ones dealing with ill health or vulnerability, the following names were read aloud: Robin Willis, Adam Barnes, Maddie Hale, Elspeth Gracey, John Baldini,

Rosie, Liz, Adrian Turner, Robin Turner, Heather Barton, Rachel Shanahan, Russell and Josie Vallence, Claire Goodchild, and Ken Baddley.

Holding in our minds and hearts those loved ones who have passed away in the last year, the following names were read aloud: Arlan Ingle-Gillis—Wales; Malik Williams—Alabama, USA; Kathleen Smith—Blue Anchor; Janet Wilcox—Nottingham; Reed Schilbach—Washington, USA; Jabbara Edwards—Washington, USA; Ruthanne and Corrone Bryant—Maine/Florida, USA; Simon White—Buxton; Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia, USA; Philip Reeves—Georgia, USA; Stephen Clancy—Shetland; Bernard Collard—Oxford; Rob Mahoney—Goring by Sea; Steve Biggs—Hove. Jess Nock concluded the lesson by leading 330b.

Leaders: David Garman 274t; Hannah Land 240; Christopher Tedd 276; John Sprackland 114; Francis Barton 480; Sarah West 328; Sophie Lockhart 196; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 29t; Sonia Nayar 56b; Joyce Smith 69t. David Garman offered a blessing for the dinner on the grounds.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ted Brown leading 81t. Leaders: David Garman 477; Jacoba Bruneel 197; Laurence Scarrott and Barry Parsons 58; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 349; Joe Vickers 296; Sheila Girling Macadam and Celine 430; Joshua Lant 447; Edwin Macadam 236; Erin Johnson-Williams 384; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland birthday wishes (for Annie, Edwin, Matthew, and Sam); Chris Noren 436; Constance Des Marais 440; Matthew Parkinson 203; Helen Brown 192; Steve Brett 426t; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 335; Ed Johnson-Williams 340; Al Williams 88b; Tom Sprackland 362; Frederick Simmons 504; Hannah Land 532; Richard Mayers 260.

#### RECESS

Tom Sprackland called the class to order by leading 103. Leaders: Jess Nock 503; John Sprackland 271t; Joyce Smith 495; Barry Parsons 556; Christopher Tedd 86; Sarah West 135; Sophie Lockhart 378b; Sonia Nayar 300; Kate Kirwan 333; Ted Brown 378t; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 48t.

#### RECESS

Al Williams called the class to order leading 113. Leaders: Jacoba Bruneel 224; Francis Barton 51; Constance Des Marais 512; Richard Mayers 347; Steve Brett 176t (for Jessica and Robin); Erin Johnson-Williams 134; Barry Parsons 119; Joshua Lant 376; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Girling Macadam 472; David Garman 141; Frederick Simmons 155; Chris Noren 200; Matthew Parkinson 566. Following thanks, reports, and announcements, Chris Coombs led 62 as the closing song. Constance Des Marais offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Chris Coombs; Secretary—Oisin Kisdon-Ireland

## **GODSEY SISTERS AND SANDRA SPRADLIN MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama  
Sunday, March 16, 2025**

*The Sacred Harp* Memorial Singing in loving memory of Leona Horton, Maude Adams, Delia Watts, Mina Adams, and Sandra Spradlin was held on the third Sunday in March. The class was called to order by Mike Hankins leading 34b. Mike offered the opening prayer.

The class was organized and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Mike Hankins; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Mike Hankins 111b; Butch White 547, 287; Roma Rice 323b, 299; Faye Donaldson 78, 225t; Louise Yeager 276 (for Margaret Keeton), 112; David Godsey 30b, 277; Betty Baccus 391 (for Margaret Keeton and in memory of Sandra Spradlin

and Helen Langston); Betty Baccus and Glenn Keeton 284 (in memory of Gene Wakefield).

#### RECESS

Mike Hankins led 56t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Larry Ballinger 133, 358; Zena Tucker 143, 56b; Lori Keeton 145t, 145b; Henry McGuire 361, 362; Lisa Geist 472, 546; Glenn Keeton 55, 507; Amber Davis 129, 373 (for her mother).

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 285t. Leaders: Zena Tucker 63; Faye Donaldson 168; Lori Keeton 128; Henry McGuire 146, 29t; Amber Davis 208; Louise Yeager 426b, 100; Glenn Keeton 86; Lori Keeton 72b, 59.

Mike Hankins led 56t as the closing song. Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Mike Hankins; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Roma Rice

### **SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN MUSIC SINGING Urban Grace: The Downtown Church, Tacoma, Washington Thursday, March 20, 2025**

The 28th annual Sacred Harp singing associated with the Society for American Music annual conference, held this year in Tacoma, Washington, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 31t. Karen Willard gave the opening prayer. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* except where otherwise indicated.

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 466; Erin Fulton 37b, 416; Jesse P. Karlsberg 417, 329; Doug Hill 337, 482; Elizabeth Uchimura 159; Paul Chamberlain 299, 438; Kristofer Ilex 83b, 328; Marla Elliott 313b, 269; Karen Willard 128, 114; Pippa Stoddard 134, 325; Tom Riis 189, 49b. Chase Castle introduced the song “Exeter,” a setting by William Billings of Issac Watts’s hymn “My thoughts on awful subjects roll,” related to a paper he was presenting at the conference. Chase Castle and Esther Morgan-Ellis led “Exeter.”

#### RECESS

Esther Morgan-Ellis called the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Bertie Tompkins 227, 111b; Katina Mitchell 229, 59; David Wright 119, 156; Deb Koch 34b, 84; Jennifer DeLapp-Birkett 154, 122 (dedicated to the families of those who have died by suicide); Pippa Stoddard 123t; Anne Huckins 474, 107; Laura McMurray 101b; Sara Ng 79; Esther Morgan-Ellis, Deborah Morgan-Ellis, Phil Morgan-Ellis, and Anna Magner 448t; Karen Willard 556; Marla Elliott 504; Kristofer Ilex 278b; Paul Chamberlain 430; David Wright 217; Doug Hill 172; Bertie Tompkins 522. Announcements of upcoming singings were made.

Esther Morgan-Ellis, Erin Fulton, and Jesse P. Karlsberg led 267 (for Ron Pen) as the closing song. Chase Castle, a member of the Society, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

The Society for American Music Singing occurs in conjunction with the Society’s annual meeting, the date and location of which vary each year. The 2026 singing will convene in Richmond, Virginia.

Chair—Esther Morgan-Ellis; Vice Chair—Erin Fulton; Secretary—Jesse P. Karlsberg

### **COLOGNE SINGING St. Peter’s Church, Cologne, Germany Saturday, March 22, 2025**

The 5th Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March in the St. Peter’s Church, Cologne, Germany. The class was called

to order by Daniel Wippermann leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Elmar Wigand.

Leaders: Hanka Faerber 203; Elmar Wigand 159; Ulla Schlobohm 531; Tina Cramer 187; Ursula Diderich 148; Dominik Fraune 29t; Leif Simer 83t; Maria Neumann-Fraune 38t; Derek Buckland 162; Sebastian Borckenhagen 288; Constantin Dorsch 51; Sara Hellström 481; Peter Kocher 270; Ulrike Tietjen 102; Jasmina Graf 522; Fynn Titford-Mock 274t; Elisabeth Schallwig 192; Inga Buckland 69t; Paul Kolenbrander 430.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ulrike Tietjen leading 74b. Leaders: Walburga Ruhl 344; Lucia Ferguson 65; Baker Wardlaw 149; Caitlin Jay 467; Rike Fischer and Maria Neumann-Fraune 29b; Eloise Clark 269; Edward Ricemeyer 131t; Aislinn Ahern 216; John Bealle 80t; Daniel Wippermann 147t; Edwin Macadam 444; Werner Ullah 457; Elmar Wigand 82t; Maria Neumann-Fraune 528; Leif Simer 56b; Lauren Ciancio 49b; Gerben Vos 114; Richard Ogden 47t; Sheila Girling Macadam 183; Calum Parker 319; Caro Stamm-Reusch 460. Elmar Wigand offered the prayer before the lunchtime meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Dominik Fraune leading 37b. Leaders: Lauren Ciancio 40; Tina Cramer 318; Sheila Girling Macadam 542; Calum Parker 436; Ulrike Tietjen 512; Peter Kocher 455; Jasmina Graf 377; Elisabeth Schallwig 112; Constantin Dorsch 320; Caro Stamm-Reusch 328; Gerben Vos 441; Fynn Titford-Mock 507; Aislinn Ahern 392; Edward Ricemeyer 306; John Bealle 434; Eloise Clark 28b; Edwin Macadam 236; Sara Hellström 384; Richard Ogden 472; Inga Buckland 224; Derek Buckland 308; Cooper Thompson and Ulla Schlobohm 146.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Inga Buckland leading 53. Leaders: Ursula Diderich 107; Rike Fischer 448t; Baker Wardlaw 155; Walburga Ruhl 437; Paul Kolenbrander and Sheila Girling Macadam 454; Hanka Faerber 505; Werner Ullah 287; Sebastian Borckenhagen 163t; Caitlin Jay 42; Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam 198; Aislinn Ahern 272; Gerben Vos 181; John Bealle and Eloise Clark 200; Richard Ogden 448b; Calum Parker 209.

Daniel Wippermann thanked the officers and committee members for their hard work before and during the singing and everyone else who 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 fifty-one registered singers, singing eighty-two songs in total. Announcements were made.

Daniel Wippermann led 347 as the closing song. Elmar Wigand offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Daniel Wippermann; Secretary—Paul Kolenbrander

### **SWARENS MEMORIAL HIGHER GROUND SINGING**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

The 30th 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 offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Thomas Smith 497; Sarah Lynne Gershon 203; Thomas Koehnline 475; Carolyn Craig 287; Geo Colvard and Sarah Lynne Gershon 39t; Rob Tibbs and Shannon Tibbs 149; Andrew Shaffer 170 (ShH); Alice Bean 147b; Tim Morton 89t (ShH); Darrell Lahm 551; Lori Gruber 122; Jim Herr 114 (ShH); Erik Schwab 107

(ShH); Shannon Tibbs 22b (ShH); Jonathon Smith 226 (ShH); Barbara Lehr and Thomas Koehnline 242 (ShH); Keith Seidel 448b.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Thomas Smith leading 40. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 314 (in memory of Pauline Oliver); Jim Solheim "Gregg" (in honor of Tim Gregg); Samantha Foster 344; Tom Morton 209; Wendy Wahn 480; Tim Gregg 420t (ShH); Laura Mulford and Sarah Ward 108 (ShH); Eric Morgan 379; Janice Harrell 192; Aaron Jones 214 (ShH) (in memory of Curtis Cook); Prisca Rice 70b; William McNiece 70t; Thomas Smith 183; Sarah Ward, Melanie Mashner, and Jacob Taylor 142; Thomas Koehnline 48t; Sarah Lynne Gershon 27 (ShH); Carolyn Craig 38t. Announcements were made. Sarah Lynne Gershon offered prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Sarah Ward leading 171 (ShH). Leaders: Thomas Smith 105 (ShH); Keith Seidel 80t; Shannon Tibbs 86 (in memory of Curtis Cook); Andrew Shaffer 264b (ShH); Samantha Foster 455; Darrell Lahm 354b; Adrian Eldridge 36b; Alice Bean 49b; Spencer Domer 178; Geo Colvard and Sarah Lynne Gershon 126.

The memorial lesson was conducted by William McNiece. He spoke of the role of the memorial lesson in singings and of Darrell Swarens from whom the singing takes its name. William read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Frances Bailey, Don Spragg, Tom Jurgensen, Janet Fraembs, Terry Hogg, Sidra Schkerke, Cindy Beaulé, Sue Duff, Ed Walton, and Roger Crabtree. He read the list of names of the following deceased: Sue Baughman, Curtis Cook, and Jeff Richardson—Indiana;; Pauline Oliver—Alabama; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Terry Barber—California; Raymond Yearty—Georgia; and Steve Duff—Ohio. The class sang 47b and the memorial lesson was closed.

Leaders: Tom Morton 496; Erik Schwab 198; Wendy Wahn 547; Jim Herr 546.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Sarah Ward and Camden Matkovich leading 155. Leaders: Tim Morton 99 (ShH); Eric Morgan 274t; Lori Graber 556; Thomas Smith 36t; Tim Gregg 185; Sarah Ward 236; Jim Solheim 532; Janice Harrell 451; Rob Tibbs and Shannon Tibbs 117; Jonathon Smith 186; Barbara Lehr 448t; Spencer Domer 462; Aaron Jones 56b; Thomas Smith and Sarah Lynne Gershon 426b.

The Treasurer reported that contributions were expected to meet expenses for the singing. The Secretary reported that there were thirty registered leaders and twenty-nine registered non-leaders who attended the singing representing IN, IL, KY, OH, MI, MO and NE.

Announcements were made including that the 2026 Swarens Memorial Higher Ground Singing will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Jessica Smith and Sue Childress were recognized and thanked for their organization of the lunch. Those contributing dishes for the dinner on the grounds were thanked.

Jim Herr offered the closing prayer. Sarah Ward led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Sarah Ward; Secretary—William McNiece

## **GEORGIA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, South of Bremen, Georgia**

**March 22-23, 2025**

**Saturday, March 22**

The 61st session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, south of Bremen, Georgia, on the fourth

Sunday and Saturday before in March. Matt Hinton called the class to order, welcomed everyone, and then led 32t. Matt offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Matt Hinton 31t; Phillip Langley 81t; Donna Bell 68b; Anna Hinton 208; Jeannette DePoy 475; Nathan Rees 375; Bill DuPre 37b; Shawn Taylor 188; Karen Rollins 222 (for her sister, Karleen Williams); Lisa Bennett 298; John Plunkett 64; Glenda Collins 282; Lela Crowder 460; Winfred Kerr 500; Caran Bramlette 143; Andy Ditzler 109; Cathy Bonk 30t; Robert Chambliss 225t; David Brodeur 538; Karen Morris 299; Shane Brown 383.

#### RECESS

Matt Hinton brought the class to order leading 65. Leaders: Judy Chambliss 318; Erica Hinton 129 (for Karis Askew); Karen Morris 326; Wade Kotter 135; Laura Frey 358.

A business session was held with the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Phillip Langley; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary/Treasurer—Donna Bell.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 436; David Smead 336; Bob Hume 276; Debora Grosse 344; Pam Nunn 454; Sam Kleinman 411. Chairman Philip Langley announced the following committee members to serve: Arranging Committee—Anna Hinton; Resolutions Committee—Jesse P Karlsberg and Judy Mincey; Memorial Committee—Erica Hinton and Bridge Hill Kennedy; Locating Committee—John Plunkett.

Leaders: Bert Collins 542; Oscar McGuire and Jessie Wardership 515; Chris Wilhelm 228; Sheri Taylor and Holly Meyer 430; Bridge Hill Kennedy 32b; Judy Mincey 468; Jesse Roberts 240. Shane Brown offered the blessing of the noon meal at the table.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing began with Phillip Langley leading 99. Leaders: David Ivey 224; Cindy Tanner 155 (for Lucy Marie Heidorn); Sam Kleinman 189; Lori Rogers 198; Bob Hume 186; Sarah George 216; Becky Wright 377; Reba Windom 384; Wade Kotter 426b; Briley McKibben 46; Phillip Ford 288; Chris Wilhelm 278t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 391; Pam Nunn and Reba Windom 192; Lori Rogers 162; Shane Brown 312t; David Ivey, Holly Meyer, and Jessie Wardarski 47b; Cindy Tanner and David Brodeur 498; Lela Crowder 440; Shane Brown and Sara George 115 (by request).

Following announcements, Phillip Langley led 114 as the closing song. Shane Brown offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

#### Sunday, March 23

The Sunday session of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Singing Convention began with Phillip Langley leading 48t. Shane Brown offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Nathan Rees 313t; Donna Bell 542 (for Joe Crosby); Shane Brown 129; Erica Hinton 126; Judy Chambliss 29t; Sheri Taylor 470; Bridge Hill Kennedy 489; David Smead 93; Wade Kotter 480; Jesse P Karlsberg 360; Judy Mincey 311; David Brodeur 217; Debora Grosse 556; Jerusha Wheeler 276; Matt Hinton, Holly Meyer, and Jessie Wardarski 383; Becky Wright 31b; Andy Ditzler 396; Maygan Barker 457; Karen Rollins 177; Laura Frey and Holly Meyer 163b; Michael Spencer 393; Shawn Taylor 102.

#### RECESS

Nathan Rees brought the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Lela Crowder 121; Lisa Bennett 351. Kathy Williams presented a posthumous memorial plaque honoring Martha Ann Stegar from the Sacred Harp Publishing Company to Martha Ann's daughter, Lisa Sipp. Martha Ann was an avid singer for almost 40 years, was famous for her poppy seed cake, and created a Sacred Harp Facebook group. Martha

Ann's health started to decline and she moved to Winchester, Virginia, to be near her family until her passing on April 1, 2024, minutes before her 94th birthday.  
Leaders: John Plunkett 346; Reba Windom 283 (for Loyd Ivey); Sam Kleinman 564; Jenna Frey 358.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Erica Hinton and Bridge Hill Kennedy. Erica stated, "Many of us come to the singing looking forward to seeing those we care about. Sometimes we are disappointed to learn that someone couldn't come so we pause to direct our thoughts and prayers to those who are sick, those who have a burden too heavy to allow them to join us, and also remember the caretakers. Pray for their refreshment. We bind our hearts together now as we sing, wishing we could encourage them. My hope today is that we offer them encouragement and reflection through a card, call, or even a visit. We know it means so much to be remembered and we pray that our hopes and hearts be strengthened". The names of the shut-ins include Jim and Bea Aaron, Nate Green, Joyce Walton, Ed and Margaret Thacker, Pleasance Crawford, Beau Caldwell, Betty Shepherd, Greta Holbrook, Elsie, John, and Billy Hollingsworth, Don Bowen, and Jeannette DePoy. The class sang 72t. Bridge Hill Kennedy spoke for the deceased. She mentioned, "Each time we gather and we talk about passing it makes our own passing a bit easier. We sing about serious a matter. We are better prepared for our own passing. What I'm not prepared for is yours. I'm not prepared for your passing. We hold each other in this space recognizing our own vulnerabilities and each other's and for a moment we get to hold those who are on this list again in our hearts as we sing". The names on the deceased list included Beverly Rollins Thompson, Lucy Garner, Martha Ann Stegar, Bob Goodman, and Susan Morgan—Georgia; Pauline Oliver, Virginia Futral, William Futral, Henry Guthery, Earl Ballinger, Julia Poston, Malik Williams, Frank Hill, Jr., and Joe Crosby—Alabama; John Smead—Missouri; Karen Hand—New Mexico; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Kennedy—Ireland; Dave Bennett—Pennsylvania; Susan Fecho—California; Reed Schilbach—Washington; and Donald Stephen Clarke (B.F. White's great-great grandson). Bridge led 385b. Shane Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Anna Hinton 455; Lauren Bock 181; David Ivey 572; Jane Cannon 75; Isaac Green 483. Philip Gilmore offered the blessing of the noon meal at the tables.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session of singing convened with Anna Hinton leading 203. Leaders: Garrett Morton 138b; Rebekah Gilmore 411; Tom George 298; Pam Nunn 472; Philip Gilmore 107; Sam Kleinman 435; Wade Kotter 350; Rodney Ivey 500; Sarah George 436; Becky Wright 123t; Shawn Taylor 72b; Robert Chambliss 77b; Jesse P Karlsberg 202; Kathy Williams 151; Laura Ackerman 404; Isaac Green 395; Jane Cannon 163t; Lauren Bock 328; Jerusha Wheeler 522; Michael Spencer 382.

A business session was held for the purpose of hearing reports from the various committees. Donna Bell presented the finance report stating that all expenses for the convention were met. Judy Mincey and Jesse P Karlsberg of the Resolutions Committee presented the following report: We, the class of the 61st meeting of the Georgia State Sacred Harp Convention, do hereby resolve to offer thanks to the Almighty for the privilege of assembling in this sacred space to offer our gift of song. We are grateful for the tradition of Sacred Harp singing, which enlivens our lives and spirits with fellowship and sweet song. We are thankful for each person who has come this way to contribute their voices, food, and support to this gathering, without which this Convention would not be possible. We are appreciative of Holly Springs Church for hosting this Convention and for its long history of hospitality. We acknowledge with gratitude the efforts of the officers, keyers, and all who have worked to make this special singing such a success. We therefore resolve to meet next year on the fourth Sunday in March and Saturday before to celebrate the 62nd

convention. John Plunkett representing the Locating committee stated that the location for the 62nd convention has yet to be determined. The reports were approved, and the business session was closed.

Following announcements, Phillip Langley led 62 as the closing song. Jesse Roberts offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Philip Langley; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Donna Garner Bell

**GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING**  
**Sweetwater Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville, Georgia**  
**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

The annual *Georgian Harmony* Singing was held on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday, which came in March, at Sweetwater Memorial Chapel in Lawrenceville, Georgia. All songs selected are from the *Georgian Harmony*.

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 108 and 1. The opening prayer was offered by John Hollingsworth.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 9; John Plunkett 38; Esther Morgan-Ellis 92; Maygan Barker 104; Chris Wilhelm 32; Bill DuPre 8; Jonathan Wood 246; Christy Sinksen 252; Mary Baumeister 140; Jeremiah Ledbetter 94; Doug Allison 26; Bill Hollingsworth 19; John Plunkett 138; Esther Morgan-Ellis 66.

RECESS

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 29; Chris Wilhelm 46; Bill DuPre 51; Jonathan Wood 59; Bill Hollingsworth 16; Oscar McGuire 49; Christy Sinksen 87; Mary Baumeister 78; Jeremiah Ledbetter 36; John Plunkett 80; Esther Morgan-Ellis 96; Chris Wilhelm 58; Bill DuPre 82; Jonathan Wood 253; Bill Hollingsworth 54; Oscar McGuire 22. The class was dismissed for one hour for lunch in the community.

LUNCH

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 13; Christy Sinksen 200; Mary Baumeister 201; Jeremiah Ledbetter 99; John Plunkett 98; Esther Morgan-Ellis 100; Chris Wilhelm 52; Bill DuPre 116; Jonathan Wood 246; Bill Hollingsworth 198; Oscar McGuire 152; Christy Sinksen 208; Mary Baumeister 167; Jeremiah Ledbetter 72; John Plunkett 97; Esther Morgan-Ellis 62; Chris Wilhelm 88; Bill DuPre 126; Jonathan Wood 211; Bill Hollingsworth 136; Oscar McGuire 47; Christy Sinksen 203; Mary Baumeister 202; Jeremiah Ledbetter 85; Esther Morgan-Ellis 34; Chris Wilhelm 216. Announcements were made.

Bill Hollingsworth led 255 (Christian's Farewell) as the closing song. Christy Sinksen offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chair—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—John Plunkett

**PARKER, HOLLIS, AND PUTMAN MEMORIAL**  
**Jefferson County, Alabama**  
**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

The annual Parker, Hollis, and Putman Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Liberty Primitive Baptist Church, McCormick, Jefferson County, Alabama, on Saturday before the first fifth Sunday in 2025. The class was called to order by Brenda Chafin leading 30t. The opening prayer was offered by Butch White.

In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 76b; Tom Booth 123t, 204; Louise Yeager 480, 276; Mary Beth Garrison 569b, 475; Butch White 313b, 457; Roma Rice 287, 229; Beth Branscome 217, 474; Prisca Rice 477, 74b; Marlin Beasley 336, 512.

RECESS

The class was brought back together by Brenda Chafin leading 567. Leaders: Stefani Priskos 56b, 138t; Ann Jett 269, 327; Chris Ballinger 270, 146; Paul Figura 68b; Lisa Geist 182, 528; Jeff James 112, 485; Mary Amelia Taylor 228, 298; Linda Booth 489, 198; Shirley Figura 213t; Danny Creel 234, 131b.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom Booth leading 566. Leaders: Mary Beth Garrison 472; Butch White 547; Beth Branscome 546; Prisca Rice 145b; Marlin Beasley 61 (in memory of Juanita Beasley); Stefani Priskos 141, 426b; Chris Ballinger 44; Paul Figura 73t; Cassie Allen 177, 189, 192, 377; Lisa Geist 273; Jeff James 200; Mary Amelia Taylor 99; Shirley Figura 34b, 36b; Danny Creel 349, 383; Ann Jett 498. The class sang 402 for Margaret Keeton. Announcements were made.

Brenda Chafin and Tom Booth led 521 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Ann Jett

### **SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

#### **SPRING SESSION**

**McMahan, Texas**

**March 29-30, 2025**

**Saturday, March 29**

The 124th annual Southwest Texas Convention, Spring Session, met Saturday before the fifth Sunday in March 2025, 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. Chairman Jeb Owen called the class to order by leading 376 (CB). Elder Philip Conley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jeb Owen 558 (CB); Jackson Owen 148 (CB); Kristie Powell 125 (CB); Gaylon Powell 482 (CB); Silas Huckaby 146 (CB); Tom Owen 544 (CB); Scott Curran 464 (CB); Philip Conley 217 (CB); Beverly Coates 559 (CB); Katheryn and Seth Howard 587 (CB); Addison Bowles 465 (CB); Daniel Allcock 110 (CB); Stina Soderling 98 (CB); Wade Price 155 (CB); Ellee Curran 427 (CB); John Hoerr 38t (CB); Don Ross 207t (CB); Amy Peveto 229 (CB); Ivy Hauser-Hall 49b (CB); Robert Vaughn 479 (CB); Abby Huckaby 434 (CB); Rick Foreman 173 (CB).

#### RECESS

Leaders: Jeb Owen 397 (CB); Gary Rogan 74b (CB); Tristan Gordon 74b (CB); Ryan Ross 196 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 392 (CB); Porter Lontz-Underhill 416b (CB); Elsa Phemayotin 138t (CB); Ainsley Ross 348t (CB); Shawn Taylor 279 (CB); Robert Stoddard 514 (CB); Irene Gilb 383 (CB); Kayleigh Moseley 38 (CB); Elze Hamilton 42 (CB); Brody Ross 501 (CB); Adeline Howard 75 (CB); Tim Schaefer 387 (CB); Janie Short 505 (CB); Larkin Ross 40 (CB); Tamara and Louise Shewmaker 299 (CB).

At this time the business meeting was held. The following were elected to serve in the upcoming year: Chairman—Jackson Owen; Vice Chairman—Michele Curran; Secretaries—Gaylon Powell and Kristie Powell.

Leaders: Cody Gonzalez 277 (CB); Weston Bowles 82 (CB); Mike Moseley 91 (CB); Riley Owen 331b (CB). Elder Mike Moseley asked the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Jackson Owen called the class back to order leading 31t (CB). He then appointed Michele Curran, Kristie Powell, and Zach Rogan to serve on the Memorial Committee. Leaders: Brooke Robb 406 (CB); Findley Ross 522 (CB); Tammy Powell 137 (CB); Greg Bowles 508 (CB); Zach Rogan 300 (CB); Owen Ross 193 (CB); Abi Curran 572 (CB); Garrett Powell 30b (CB); Sarah McIntush 220 (CB); Michele Curran 222 (CB); Diane Ross 183 (CB); Lauren Owen 410 (CB); Hoss Curran 288

(CB); Olivia Powell 168 (CB); Amanda Bowles 285 (CB); Vivian Rogan 282 (CB); Liz Owen 192 (CB); Wade Price 497 (CB); Ainsley Ross 511t (CB); Robert and Charity Vaughn 521 (CB).

#### RECESS

Leaders: Michele Curran 140 (CB); Shawn Taylor 28b (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 576 (CB); Irene Gilb 280 (CB); Mike Moseley 442t (CB); Robert Stoddard 567 (CB); Porter Lontz-Underhill 417 (CB); Elsa Phemayotin 507b (CB); Tamara Shewmaker 504t (CB); Kayleigh Moseley and Olivia Powell 410 (CB); Tim Schaefer and Owen Ross 68t (CB); Philip Conley, Asa Conley, and Chloe Conley 450 (CB); Cody Gonzalez and Garrett Powell 201 (CB); Larkin and Brody Ross 145t (CB); Daniel Allcock and Elze Hamilton 48b (CB). After some announcements were made, Jackson Owen led 107 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Owen Ross.

#### Sunday, May 30

The Sunday session of the convention began with Jackson Owen leading 553 (CB). The morning prayer was led by Gary Rogan. Leaders: Jackson Owen 224 (CB); Michele Curran 67 (CB); Kristie Powell 514 (CB); Gaylon Powell 552 (CB); Zach Rogan 98 (CB); Janie Short 430 (CB); Amanda Bowles 99 (CB); Tristan Gordon 470 (CB); Ainsley Ross 155 (CB); Vivian Rogan 32t (CB); Amy Peveto 543 (CB); Rick Foreman 142 (CB); Robert Stoddard 171 (CB); Brooke Robb 283t (CB); Findley Ross 268t (CB); Porter Lontz-Underhill 49t (CB); Silas Huckaby 380t (CB); Liz Owen 203 (CB); Ivy Hauser-Hill 357 (CB); Shawn Taylor 419 (CB); Abi Curran 146 (CB); John Hoerr 189 (CB); Tammy Powell 414 (CB); Donald Ross 591 (CB); Elsa Phemayotin 133 (CB).

#### RECESS

Leaders: Jackson Owen 264b (CB); Sarah McIntush 163t (CB); Stina Soderling 58 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 428 (CB); Hoss Curran 388 (CB); Riley Owen 47b (CB); Brody Ross 559 (CB); Irene Gilb 165 (CB).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Michele Curran read the list of names for the sick and shut-ins as follows: Krsangi Dove, Leon Ballinger, Cassandra Baker, Pat Parsons, Chuck Parsons, Mike Hinton, and Kevin Powell. After making comments, she led 68b (CB) in their honor.

Kristie Powell read the following list of names of the deceased: James Jones, Chloe Webb, Don and Esther Huckaby, Tom Kane, John Morris, and Felix Torres—Texas; Coronone Bryant and Ruth Anne Bryant—Maine/Florida. After making comments, she led 77t (CB) in their memory. Zach Rogan made some comments and led 285t (CB) in their memory. The closing prayer to the memorial service was offered by Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Leaders: Addison Bowles 186 (CB); Beverly Coates 422t (CB); Ainsley Ross, Finley Ross, Brody Ross, Addison Bowles, Weston Bowles, Jackson Owen, Riley Owen, Lauren Owen, Silas Huckaby, and Abby Huckaby (attending great grandchildren of Curtis and Edith Owen) 442t (CB); Ryan Ross 198 (CB); Diane Ross 524 (CB); Greg Bowles 32b (CB); Ellee Curran 274t (CB); Sonny Huckaby 395b (CB). Donald Ross asked the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Michele Curran 101t (CB); Scott Curran and Ellee Curran 200 (CB); Abby Huckaby 306 (CB); Weston Bowles 159 (CB); Gary Rogan 48t (CB); Tom Owen and Weston Bowles 106 (CB); Irene Gilb 269 (CB); Elizabeth Stoddard 150 (CB); Elsa Phemayotin 271b (CB); Shawn Taylor 38b (CB); Porter Lontz-Underhill 282 (CB); Robert Stoddard 520 (CB); Olivia Powell 486 (CB); Tristan Gordon 516 (CB); Diane Ross 300 (CB); Ivy Hauser-Hill 573 (CB); Donald Ross 36t (CB); Stina Soderling 36b (CB); John Hoerr 270 (CB); Janie Short 393 (CB); Brooke Robb 81 (CB); Tammy Powell 95b (CB); Amy Peveto 108b (CB); Jeb Owen and Sonny Huckaby 450 (CB); Hoss Curran, Ellee Curran, and Abi Curran 319 (CB); Liz Owen and Vivian Rogan 299 (CB); Greg Bowles and Amanda Bowles 293b (CB); Zach Rogan and Gary Rogan 30b (CB); Carla Spincer and Beverly Owen 463 (CB), 358 (CB); Scott Curran and Michele Curran 424 (CB); Gaylon Powell and Kristie Powell 272 (CB); Tom Owen and John Baker 69 (CB). Jackson Owen led “Blissful Hope” (no. 6 from *The Good Old Songs*) for the closing song. Elder Jeb Owen led the closing prayer.

Chairman—Jackson Owen; Vice Chairman—Michele Curran; Secretaries—Gaylon Powell and Kristie Powell

### **IVEY MEMORIAL Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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 Scott Ivey leading 82t. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer. Scott Ivey welcomed the class, and led 480 in memory of Hobert Ivey.

Leaders: Blake Sisemore 111t (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Cindy Tanner 208; Loyd Ivey 318 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Shane Wootten 496; Butch White 440 (in memory of Thomas Anthony White); Judy Chambliss 45t; Jerry Turlington 383; Susan Lee 564 (in memory of Coy and Marie Ivey); Winfred Kerr 59; Jeannette DePoy, Joel Mott, and Gray Lane 47b; Jared Wootten 138b; Judy Caudle 138t; Cecil Roberts 312b; Sarah George 30b; Daniel Lee 489.

#### **RECESS**

The class was brought back together by Blake Sisemore and Loyd Ivey leading 89. Leaders: Matt Hinton 113; Shirley Figura 213t; Peter Trumbore, James George, and Sarah George 300; Maygan Barker and Lisa Bennett 72b; Terry Wootten 441; Paula Oliver 403 (in memory of Milton and Pauline Oliver); Paul Figura 535 (for Nate Green); Karen Rollins 515; Isaac Green and Scott Ivey 400; Cheyenne Ivey 112; David Smead 132 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Jane Cannon 466; Aaron Wootten 40; Lisa Bennett 280; Robert Chambliss 317.

#### **RECESS**

Scott Ivey and Sandy Ivey led 201 to bring the class together. Leaders: Erica Hinton 111b; Everett Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 39b; Meredith Ivey 46; Levi Trumbore 37b; Abigail Cannon 456; Hayden Arp 263; Anna Hinton 419; Jamey Wootten 215; Nathan Rees 348b; Hayden Wootten 283; Prisca Rice 70b. Barrett Patton asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Blake Sisemore leading 373. Leaders: Larry Brasher 87; Alex Forsyth, Rachael Geary, and Nick Dilley 176b (in memory of Mike Adams); Fallon Cook 176t; Nicholas Thompson 192; Annie Grace Wootten 421; Garrett Morton 284 (for Deb Morton); David Ivey and Meredith Ivey 156; Maddy Mullaney 271b; Barrett Patton 391; Jeremiah Ledbetter 76b; Sharon DuPriest 434; Jonathan Wood 492; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 542 (in memory of Mae Holt); Cassie Allen 336; Tom George 272; Jerusha Wheeler 344; Bill DuPre, Alyssa

Eiesland, and David Tran 29t; Rodney Ivey and Brenda Carroll 384 (in memory of Coy Ivey); Lilly Underwood, Marian Biddle, and Loyd Ivey 501 (CB) (for Theresa Bethune and Louise Ivey); Elene Stovall 270; Samuel Williams 476; Judy Mincey 468; Richard Ivey and Meredith Ivey 398; Marty Wootten 166; Lorrie Wootten 341 (in memory of Hobert Ivey); Racheal Geary 142; Charles Stiefel 378b; Anna Oliver 572 (CB); Tony Ivey and Sandy Ivey 99 (in memory of Marlon Wootten), 398b (CB); Donna Wootten 511b (CB); Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Jackie Tanner 298. Announcements were made.

Scott Ivey and Blake Sisemore led 521 as the closing song. Tony Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Scott Ivey; Vice Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

### **AMSTERDAM SACRED HARP SINGING Weteringkerk, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

The 3rd Amsterdam singing was held at the Weteringkerk in Amsterdam on Saturday before the first Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Aislinn Ahern leading 276. Anne Eringa offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Gerben Vos 31t; Johannes Kunst 99; Eleni Melis 29t; John O'Flynn 37b; Elmar Wigand 82t; Ciske Boekelo 178; Mathias Ghesquiere 198; Dominik Fraune 203; Margaret Bradshaw 440; Anne Eringa 28t; Ursula Diderich 84; Mary Jane Wilkie 32b; Inga Buckland 330t; Paul Kolenbrander 183; Ailish McMahon 26; Daniel Wippermann 147t; Brenda Bowley 400; Saara Pakarinen 456; Hanka Faerber 504; Rike Fischer 74b; John Bealle 189.

#### **RECESS**

The class was brought back together by Paul Kolenbrander leading 39t. Leaders: Ulla Schlobohm 171; Chris Noren 474; Tjitske de Schipper 122; Eimear Maguire 340; Suzanne Vrinte 146; Sebastian May 444; Derek Buckland 162; Eloise Clark 184; Sebastian Borckenhagen 56b; Karen Turner 155; Niamh Madigan 294; Caro Stamm-Reusch 377; Chris Affolter 172; Calum Parker 383; Fynn Titford-Mock 312t; Hannah Land 542; Jessica Sligter 410b; Nigel Bowley 503; Frans Ris 448b; John O'Flynn 475. Karen Turner offered a prayer before lunch.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session started with Aislinn Ahern leading 168. Leaders: Ailish McMahon 65; Dominik Fraune 455; Brenda Bowley 138b; Saara Pakarinen 117; Chris Noren 263; Inga Buckland 338; Suzanne Vrinte 200; Mary Jane Wilkie 121; Margaret Bradshaw 300; Daniel Wippermann 365; John Bealle 442; Ursula Diderich 107; Elmar Wigand 547; Eleni Melis 480; Eimear Maguire 500; Johannes Kunst 181; Mathias Ghesquiere 63; Paul Kolenbrander 299; John O'Flynn 430.

#### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Gerben Vos leading 73b. Leaders: Krijn Looije and Maria Looije 47b; Nigel Bowley 466; Eloise Clark 48b; Eefje Kosters 45t; Derek Buckland 44; Sebastian Borckenhagen 141; Karen Turner 556; Frans Ris 236; Caro Stamm-Reusch 546; Chris Affolter 426b; Sebastian May 216; Jessica Sligter 197; Niamh Madigan 227.

The chair asked the officers for their reports. John O'Flynn as treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The secretary reported that seventy-eight songs will have been sung after the closing, sung by forty-nine singers of whom forty-four were leaders, representing seven countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, and the United Kingdom). Announcements were made.

Eimear Maguire offered the closing prayer. Aislinn Ahern led 472 as the closing song.

Chair—Aislinn Ahern; Secretary—Gerben Vos

**BRIGHTON SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Brighton, East Sussex, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

The Brighton Sacred Harp All-Day Singing took place on the first Saturday in April. The class was called to order by Seth Dickens leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Victoria Grigg.

Leaders: Jill Thompson 155; Nick Hall 73b; Sheila Girling Macadam 27; Rachel Jordan 492; Natalie Edelman 503; Edwin Macadam 485; Victoria Grigg 277; Vicky Tremain 37b; Iain Paxon 535; Una Nicholson 198; Werner Ullah 29t; Claire Welford 475; Jo-anne Carlyle 313b; Tom Sprackland 91; Barry Parsons 88t.

RECESS

Leaders: Steve Brett 213t; Teresa Maguire 30b; Harry Scott 344; Jessica Beer 440; Wa'el Qasim 89; Dan Collier 49t; Scarlett Lassoff 378t; Joyce Smith 129;

The memorial lesson was conducted by Una Nicholson, who led 565.

Leaders: Arthur Swindells 142; Erin Johnson-Williams 340; Ted Simmonds 179; Francis Zain 319; Ed Johnson-Williams 201; Nick Hall 441; Connie Des Marais 212; Molly-Claire Gillett 318; Toby Goss 515

LUNCH

Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam and Jean Mahoney 178 (for Rob Mahoney); Fi Dunn and Jill Thompson 504; Rowan Simms 447; Ben Whittaker and Ian Lawton 146; Jo Lewis Burgess 496; David Garman 80t; Lamar Matthew 35; Edwin Macadam 236; Arthur Swindells 280; Jessica Beer 269; Steve Brett 272; Teresa Maguire 444; Ed Johnson-Williams 314; Rachel Jordan 448t; Toby Goss 547; Claire Welford 315; Harry Scott 260; Erin Johnson-Williams 445; Ted Simmonds 290; Joyce Smith 320; Tom Sprackland 542.

RECESS

Leaders: Seth Dickens and Margarita Henderson 117; Molly Claire Gillett 454; Dan Collier 31t; Wa'El Qasim and Nicholas Markwell 510; Jo-anne Carlyle and Alexa Tucker 417; Philip Golding and Iain Paxon 38b; Connie Des Marais 227; Nick Hall and Zain Bador 455; Corinne Sweet and Seth Dickens 268; Werner Ullah 457; Scarlett Lassoff 288; Milly Murphy and Rachel Jordan 209; Wa'el Qasim 448b; Jo-anne Carlyle 70t; Barry Parsons 157; Francis Zain 24b; Ian Lawton and Ben Whittaker 47b; Iain Paxon 187; Sheila Girling Macadam 128; Jill Thompson, Una Nicholson, and Victoria Grigg 299; Seth Dickens and Phil Atherton 347.

Seth Dickens and Phil Atherton led 282 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Seth Dickens; Secretary—Natalie Edelman

**DAHLONEGA SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Dahlonega Funeral Home, Dahlonega, Georgia**  
**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

The 3rd annual Dahlonega Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Dahlonega Funeral Home, 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 31t. Brayden Whitley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 76b; Lily Hammond 58, 345b; Andy Ditzler 156, 325; Bill DuPre 225t, 369; Helen Bryson 522, 348t; Caroline Barron 82b, 159; Cooper Sandefur 320, 168; David Ivey 409, 57; David Smead 510, 158; Brayden Whitley 63, 179.

RECESS

Esther Morgan-Ellis brought the class back to order leading 47t. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 572, 294; Judy Mincey 102, 86; Rachel Grindle 46, 47b; David Brodeur 449, 26; Lisa Bennett 101b, 210; Maygan Barker 457, 30b; Yawen Li 87, 178; John

Plunkett 368, 446; Moriah Miller 288, 284; David Ivey 289, 205; Lily Hammond 33b (for Abigail Cannon), 547; Bill DuPre 426t, 300.

#### LUNCH

Shawn Taylor brought the class back to order leading 277. Leaders: Cooper Sandefur 323b, 163t; Caroline Barron 268, 417; Andy Ditzler 355, 44; David Smead 263 (in memory of Hugh McGraw), 269; Esther Morgan-Ellis 442, 200; Brayden Whitley 534, 331.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lily Hammond. Lily Hammond led 452 for the following sick and shut-ins: Joyce Walton, Nate Green, Jesse Roberts, Jack Nelson, Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, and Pleasance Crawford: and in memory of the following deceased: Beverly Thompson—Georgia; Dave Bennett—Pennsylvania; Malik Williams—Alabama; Bob Goodman—Georgia; John Smead—Missouri; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Kennedy—Ireland; and Earl Ballinger—Alabama.

Leaders: Bill DuPre 122; Lisa Bennett 365, 478; Moriah Miller 472, 162; Yawen Li 413, 163b; John Plunkett 473. In a business meeting, Esther Morgan-Ellis was elected to serve as Chairwoman. Cooper Sandefur was elected as Vice Chairman.

#### RECESS

Shawn Taylor brought the class back to order leading 234. Leaders: Cameron Adams 344; Jose Martinez 403; Cheryl Thomlinson and Andy Ditzler 408; David Smead 245; Judy Mincey 279; Maygan Barker 135; Brayden Whitley 339; Cooper Sandefur 448t; Andy Ditzler 455; Lily Hammond 183; David Brodeur 573; Esther Morgan-Ellis 414 (for Caroline Barron, Moriah Miller, and Brayden Whitley); Lisa Bennett 69b; Moriah Miller 209.

Esther Morgan-Ellis, Caroline Barron, and Cooper Sandefur led 347 as the closing song. Brayden Whitley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Esther Morgan-Ellis; Vice Chair—Cooper Sandefur; Secretary—Caroline Barron

### IOWA SINGING

#### Plymouth United Church of Christ, Des Moines, Iowa

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Following a brief singing school provided by Carol Crawford, the 19th Iowa All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by John Schley and Lora Kracht leading 335. The opening prayer was offered by Michael Moore.

Leaders: Jim Crawford 49t; Steve Lutinen 49b; Nadia Bolz-Weber 162; Carol Crawford 410t; James Solheim 192; Christine Stevens 159; Paul Landskroener 473; Ginny Landgraf 214; Matt Wells 456; John Ramsey 240; Will Fitzgerald 483; Denise Kania 203; John Wiens 370; Tamara Shewmaker 498; Sam Tiratto 284; Mike Mullin 535; Bess Fitzgerald 448t; James Page 272; Ben Crawford 66; Cathy Lutz 532.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Michael Moore leading 34b. Leaders: Annie Grieshop 84 (for Johanna Fabke); Jim Pfau 411; C.J. McFate 95; Eleanor Haase 216; Francis Gurtz 56b; Shana Wenger 455; Suzanne McFate 454; Wayne Smith 163b; Eleanor Glewwe 372; Michael Shewmaker 171; Charlotte Baldwin 551; Karen Swenson 475; Christine Stevens 277; Paul Landskroener 528; Nadia Bolz-Weber 142; Will Fitzgerald 122 (for Johanna Fabke); Tamara Shewmaker 123t; Mike Mullin 361; Ginny Landgraf 397; Ben Crawford 448t (for Bruce Western); Sam Tiratto 82t; Denise Kania 500; Steve Lutinen 67; Carol Crawford 457; Matt Wells 472. The grace was offered by Michael Moore.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Nadia Bolz-Weber leading 155. Leaders: Jim Crawford 569b; James Page “Sacred Lake” (original); James Solheim “Wings of

Wenger" (original); Matt Wells 217; Shana Wenger 228; Michael Moore 40; Karen Swenson 351; Wayne Smith 105; Cathy Lutz 282.

A business meeting was convened and rapidly adjourned. Leaders: John Schley leading 503; Suzanne McFate 426b; Henry Schuman 318; Jim Pfau 168; John Wiens 34t; Charlotte Baldwin 178; Michael Shewmaker 99; Annie Grieshop 344; Eleanor Haase 384; Francis Gurtz 436; Eleanor Glewwe 501; Janet Carl and Christine Stevens 268.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Suzanne McFate leading 65. Leaders: C.J. McFate 224; Ginny Landgraf 567; Will and Bess Fitzgerald 447; Karen Swenson 183; Henry Schuman 313b; Shana Wenger 440; Sam Tiratto 312b; Denise Kania 350; James Page 505; Nadia Bolz-Weber 547; Carol Crawford and Jim Crawford 209; Christine Stevens 47b; James Solheim 543; Cathy Lutz 236; John Wiens 153; Tamara Shewmaker 445; Wayne Smith 33b; Michael Moore 218; Mike Mullin 569t; Matt Wells 430; Eleanor Haase 383; Michael Shewmaker 299.

Announcements of upcoming singings were made, and it was reported that ninety-three songs were sung by attendees from six states.

John Shley led 347 as the closing song. Michael Moore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—John Schley and Lora Kracht; Secretary—Annie Grieshop

### POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE-NOTE SINGING CONVENTION

#### Maryland and Virginia

April 5-6, 2025

Saturday, April 5

The Saturday session of the 34th 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 315. In a business meeting, the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—David Shulman; Vice Chair—Jonathan Een Newton; Treasurer—Lucas Husted; Secretary—Nina Burris; Chaplain—Thomas Ward. Thomas Ward offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Shulman 34b; Nina Burris 106; Lucas Husted 227; Don Fahey 228; Kelly Hughes 503; Jim Glaser 160b; Clare Chapin 86; Topher Lawton 172; Minh Nguyen 118; Julia Seidenstein 59; Jim Strube 236; Emily Hancock 47b; Joni Seidenstein 203; Frank McBride and David Shulman 117; Kevin Isaac Slaughter and River Irons 347; Brenda Dunlap 411; Sadhbh O'Flynn 272; Richard Green 198.

#### RECESS

Kyle Johnston led 65t (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 172 (ShH); Thomas Ward 326t (ShH); Barbara Barry 76b (ShH); Tom Ivey 348b (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 266 (ShH); Adrian Mariano 402 (ShH); Corinne Ducey 3b (ShH); Landon Peer 45 (ShH); Nora Miller 330b (ShH); John del Re 7t (ShH); Abby Beavin 292 (ShH); Cheri Neilson 322 (ShH); Bridget Jamison 96b (ShH); Sonja Reid and Alexa Silverman 12b (ShH); Liz Meitzler Guevara 243 (ShH); Josh Barnett 241t (ShH). Thomas Ward offered the lunch blessing.

#### LUNCH

Tom Ivey led 425 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Matt Ference 335; Adrienne Robertson 196; John Alexander 317; Rivon Shaneyfelt and Lucas Husted 344; Alice Noyes 114; Meaghan Kachadoorian 385b; Richard Vinson 183; Judy Getrich 312b; Kathy Manning 43; Robin Betz 178; Jonathan Een Newton 274t; Liz Meitzler-Guevara 77t; Kyle Johnston 454; Cheri Neilson 444; Nora Miller 440; Bridget Jamison 105; Landon Peer 426t; Leyland del Re 280; Abby Beavin 337.

#### RECESS

Niamh Ducey and Julia Seidenstein led 147 (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: David Shulman 107 (ShH); Joshua Barnett 184 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 358 (ShH); Joni Seidenstein 242 (ShH); Emily Hancock 235 (ShH); John del Re 93 (ShH); Clare Chapin 5t (ShH); Don Fahey 260b (ShH); Meaghan Kachadoorian 278 (ShH); Alice Noyes 80 (ShH); Barbara Barry 254 (ShH); River Irons and Thomas Ward 101 (ShH); John Alexander 404t (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 60b (ShH); Richard Vinson 124 (ShH); Matt Ference 118 (ShH); Jim Glaser 420b (ShH); Kevin Isaac Slaughter, Kelly Hughes, and Topher Lawton 129t (ShH); Richard Green, Kathy Manning, and Adrian Mariano 423 (ShH); Peter Pate 352 (ShH).

Announcements were made. The DC Singers (Brenda Dunlap, Mary Helen Dupree, Lucas Husted, Alexa Silverman, Frank McBride, Sonja Reid, and Nina Burris) led 105 (ShH) as the closing song. Thomas Ward offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

### Sunday, April 6

The Sunday session of the 34th 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 49t. Thomas Ward offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Don Fahey 89; Nora Miller 545; Jonathan Een Newton 82t; Matt Ference 209; Kelly Macklin 82b; Kathy Manning 309; Thomas Ward 100; Nina Burris 362; Minh Nguyen 179; Susan Green 35; John Morriberón 63; Emily Altman 479; Kevin Isaac Slaughter 340; Bridget Jamison 378b; Jim Strube 34b; Kelly Hughes 276; John Alexander 102; Tom Ivey 368.

#### RECESS

Alexa Silverman led 420t (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: John del Re 431 (ShH); Debbie Barford 313 (ShH); Steven Sabol 15 (ShH); Brenda Dunlap 61 (ShH); Richard Vinson 140b (ShH); Liz Meitzler Guevara 326b (ShH); Sadhbh O'Flynn 4t (ShH); Cheri Neilson 17 (ShH); Adrian Mariano 414b (ShH); Mary Helen Dupree 285 (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 125 (ShH); Richard Green 424t (ShH); Miriam Delirium 270 (ShH); Jim Glaser 316b (ShH); Joni Seidenstein 254 (ShH); Lucas Husted 416 (ShH); Emily Altman 276t (ShH); Jim Strube 1b (ShH); Bridget Jamison 231 (ShH); Matt Ference 2 (ShH); Julia Seidenstein 417 (ShH). Kelly Macklin conducted the memorial lesson, connecting our practice of speaking the names of the deceased to thousands of years of tradition. Kelly Macklin led 364t (ShH). Thomas Ward offered the lunch blessing.

#### LUNCH

John Morriberón led 373 to bring the class back together. Leaders: David Shulman 501; Jim Brady and Mary Brady 77t; Mona Lewandowski 122; Sadhbh O'Flynn 394; Abby Beavin 123t; Lucas Husted 543; Liz Meitzler Guevara 512; David Barford 168; Mary Helen Dupree 232; Steven Sabol 297; Adrian Mariano 296; Kathy Manning 189; Samuel Singleton Freeman 299; Joni Seidenstein 269; John Morriberón 178; Debbie Bamford 142; Richard Green and Susan Green 99; Miriam Delirium 70b; Jonathan Een Newton 176t; Nora Miller 312t; Jim Strube 155; Nina Burris 151; Tom Ivey 349; John del Re 230.

#### RECESS

Abby Beavin led 152 (ShH) to bring the class back together. Leaders: Cheri Neilson 151 (ShH); Kevin Isaac Slaughter 79 (ShH); Meaghan Kachadoorian 218t (ShH); Richard Vinson 105 (ShH); Thomas Ward 408t (ShH); Sadhbh O'Flynn 76t (ShH); Emily Altman 300t (ShH); Kelly Macklin 167 (ShH); Kelly Hughes 424t (ShH); Singers from Virginia-Outside Beltway (Joni Seidenstein, Julia Seidenstein, Adrian Mariano, and Richard Vinson) 132 (ShH); Singers from Maryland (Kevin Isaac Slaughter, David Shulman, Thomas Ward, Nora Miller, Jonathan Een Newton, and Kelly Hughes) 422 (ShH); Tom Ivey, Meaghan Kachadoorian, and Miriam Delirium

112 (ShH); Singers from Virginia (Kelly Macklin, John del Re, Abby Beavin, Liz Meitzler Guevara, and Cheri Neilson) and Singers from Virginia-Inside Beltway (Kathy Manning, Richard Green, Susan Green, Gillie Campbell, Jim Strube) 48 (ShH); Minh Nguyen and Sadhbh O'Flynn 403 (ShH); Singers from DC 260t (ShH). A business meeting was held in order to hear reports from various committees. Lucas Husted reported for the Finance Committee that expenses were met. David Shulman reported that the Potomac River Convention would meet again on the second Saturday of April and the Sunday after in 2026. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

David Shulman invited Potomac River Convention officers and volunteers to join him in leading 296 (ShH) as the closing song. Thomas Ward offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—David Shulman; Vice Chair—Jonathan Een Newton; Treasurer—Lucas Husted; Chaplain—Thomas Ward; Secretary—Nina Burris

### **EDWARDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Edwardsville, Cleburne County, Alabama**

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Edwardsville Baptist Church, Edwardsville, Alabama, on the first Sunday in April. Cecil Roberts called the class together leading 30t and offering the morning prayer. Cecil Roberts welcomed the singers and visitors to the singing, and then led 49t. Leaders: Glenda Collins 76b, 77t; Judy Chambliss 373, 472; Robert Chambliss 49b, 303; Bert Collins 97, 35; Erin Fulton 128, 164; Winfred Kerr 77b, 282; Karen Rollins 59, 99; David Ivey 92, 96; Barbara Brooks 58, 129.

#### **RECESS**

Cecil Roberts called the class back to order leading 37t (in memory of his friend Jerry Gilbert). Leaders: Glenda Collins 292; Glenda Collins and Judy Chambliss 454 (in memory of Virginia Dyer); Judy Chambliss 34t; Winfred Kerr 146, 99; Erin Fulton 88b, 142; Robert Chambliss 145b, 354b.

In a business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambliss. Erin Fulton gave the memorial lesson quoting from Amos and also talking about 34t and the verses not in the Sacred Harp. She led 270 for the following sick and shut-ins: Joyce Walton, Nate Green, and Jack Nelson. She led 45t in memory of the following deceased: Jerry Gilbert, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Henry Guthrey, Beverly Thompson, Pauline Oliver, and William Ralph Paris. Erin Fulton closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

#### **LUNCH**

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 32t. Leaders: Bert Collins 274t, 300; Barbara Brooks 274b, 119; Karen Rollins 162, 225t; David Ivey 495, 85; Cecil Roberts 312b, 175, 34b; David Ivey 560 (in honor of Jack Nelson); Karen Rollins 354t; Barbara Brooks 410t; Cecil Roberts 68b; Erin Fulton 74b; Judy Chambliss 37b; Bert Collins 278b; Robert Chambliss 163b.

After announcements, Cecil Roberts led 512 as the closing song. Judy Chambliss offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambliss

## **MCGUIRE MEMORIAL**

**Bruce, Mississippi**

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

The 11th annual Hugh Bill McGuire Memorial Sacred Harp singing (formerly held at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church) was held at the Bruce Forestry Museum, Bruce, Mississippi. Henry McGuire called the class to order leading 32t. Ricky Beasley offered the morning prayer. Henry McGuire then led 430, and appointed Warren Steel secretary and Lisa Geist arranging committee.

Leaders: Warren Steel 144, 74b; Samuel Williams 26, 85; Arlon Gardner 278t, 277; Prisca Rice 30t (WB), 32b (WB); Ken Tate 300, 123t; Will Gatewood 526 (WB), 491 (WB); Mark Tew 268, 139; Charlie McGuire 87, 120; Anne Steel 440, 503; Jeff James 86, 31t.

**RECESS**

Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, Will McGuire and Charlie McGuire called the class together leading 486t (WB). Other leaders: Mike Hankins 527, 477; Chuck Howell 112, 373; Sheree Lence 59; Curtis Gregory 119, 341; Chris Ballinger 344, 84; Valerie Gatewood 546t (WB), 527 (WB); Ricky Beasley 348b, 30b; Will McGuire 100, 303; Mark Davis 67, 198; Danny Creel 405, 278b; Bob Lence 479, 163t.

**LUNCH**

Henry McGuire and Drew McGuire called the class together leading 492 (WB). Other leaders: Nicholas Thompson 336, 189, 304 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Larry Ballinger 97, 428, 551; Drew McGuire 138t, 475; Lisa Geist 492, 528, 269; Samuel Williams 181; Prisca Rice 545t (WB); Jeff James 472; Ken Tate 213t; Drew McGuire, Audrey McGuire, and Mazy McGuire 354b; Mike Hankins 270; Rick Beasley 68b; Henry McGuire, Drew McGuire, Will McGuire, and Charlie McGuire 511 (WB).

Following announcements, Henry McGuire and Drew McGuire led 62 as the closing song. Drew McGuire dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Henry McGuire; Secretary—Warren Steel

## **STATE LINE SINGING**

**Bremen, Georgia**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

The annual State Line Church Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church near Bremen, Georgia, on Saturday before the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Pam Nunn leading 186. Nicholas Thompson offered the opening prayer.

Pam Nunn gave a financial report for State Line, and then gave an update on the status of needed repairs and maintenance of the church and cemetery. The following officers were retained: Chairman—Pam Nunn; Chairman—René Greene; Secretary—Judy Caudle. Reba Windom was appointed to arrange leaders for the day. Leaders: Pam Nunn 40; René Greene 120; Judy Caudle 85; Glenda Collins 58; Winfred Kerr 59; Bert Collins 300; Jeannette DePoy 36b; Andy Ditzler 544; Karen Rollins 446; David Smead 447; Shawn Taylor 348t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 348b; Laura Frey 159; Bill DuPre 176b; Oscar McGuire 485; Maygan Barker 457.

**RECESS**

Pam Nunn led 155 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Reba Windom 192; Nicholas Thompson 411; Erica Hinton 353; Cooper Sandefur 32b; David Brodeur 31t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 425 (in memory of her friend, Madeline); Cameron Adams 479; Lisa Bennett 303; Jeff McLeod 317; Bridge Hill Kennedy 110; Sheri Taylor 142; Matt Hinton 217; Hollie Long 391; John Plunkett 492; Sasha Hsuczyk 76b; José Camacho and Mom 47b; Nathan Rees 505 (in memory of Bentley McGuire); Anna

Hinton 203; Jesse P. Karlsberg 227; Karen Rollins 225t; Laura Frey 178. Bill DuPre asked a blessing before the noon meal at the tables.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with René Greene leading 273. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 430; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 100; Oscar McGuire 229.

Judy Caudle conducted the memorial lesson. She read aloud the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Margaret Keeton, Joyce Walton, Nate Green, David Light, Sandy Ivey, Pleasance Crawford, and Chip McLaughlin. She led 30t.

Judy read aloud the following list of names of the deceased: Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery, Julia Poston, Virginia Futral, William Futral, Myrlene Redmon, Pauline Oliver—Alabama; Lucy Garner, Beverly Rollins Thompson, Bob Goodman, Jean Toole, Susan Morgan, and Hazel Carter Lingerfelt—Georgia; Susan Fetcho—California; Chloe Webb—Texas; John Smead—Missouri; Madeline Nutting—Washington; Bernard Collard—England; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Kennedy—Ireland. She led 354b. Nicholas Thompson closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Robert Chambliss 503; Nicholas Thompson 172 (in memory of Noah Lacy); Maygan Barker 135; John Plunkett 416; Lisa Bennett 111t; Cameron Adams 146; Hollie Long 345t; Nathan Rees 306; José Camacho 410b; Sheri Taylor and Laura Frey 133; David Brodeur 534; Sasha Hsuczyk 340; Cooper Sandefur 168; Erica Hinton 187; Bill DuPre 521; Andy Ditzler 464; Jeannette DePoy 328; Shawn Taylor 522; Jeff McLeod 271b; Matt Hinton 138t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 392; Bridge Hill Kennedy 475; David Smead 270; Anna Hinton 208; René Greene and Pam Nunn 269. Announcements were made.

René Greene and Pam Nunn led 46 as the closing song. Bill DuPre dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Pam Nunn; Chairman—René Greene; Secretary—Judy Caudle

### P. DAN BRITTAIN MEMORIAL SINGING

West Fork Library Hall, West Fork, Arkansas

April 12-13, 2025

Saturday, April 12

The 2nd annual P. Dan Brittain Memorial Singing was held on the second Sunday and Saturday before in April at the West Fork Library Hall. The class was called to order by Bill Caldwell leading 31t. Syd Caldwell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Cory Winters 122; Dana Steege-Jackson 276; Syd Caldwell 389; Rhonda Machlan 503; Darryl Criss 157; Prisca Rice 313b; Tom George 83b; Beth Janes 162; Paul Figura 169 (MH); McKenna Mullis 270; Steven T. Schmidgall 473; Allison Langston 171; Bill Caldwell 212; Dana Steege-Jackson 89.

#### RECESS

Prisca Rice brought the class back to order leading 100. Leaders: Cory Winters 13 (MH); Rhonda Machlan 180 (MH); Darryl Criss 138 (MH); Tammy Heinsohn 86; Syd Caldwell 314; Tom George 353; Beth Janes 448t; Paul Figura 479; McKenna Mullis 547; Steven T. Schmidgall 156; Allison Langston 200; Bill Caldwell 189; Dana Steege-Jackson 312b; Darryl Criss 274t; Prisca Rice 278b; Syd Caldwell and Tom George 411; Tammy Heinsohn 410t; Tom George 458; Beth Janes 39t.

#### RECESS

Cory Winters brought the class back to order leading 113 (MH). Leaders: Paul Figura 109 (MH); McKenna Mullis 56b; Steven T. Schmidgall 136.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, Tom George presented to Dan Brittain's widow, Myrna Brittain, a plaque in recognition of dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the Sacred Harp community.

Allison Langston led 472. Bill Caldwell dismissed the class for lunch by leading 164 (MH).

#### LUNCH

Cory Winters brought the class back to order leading 312t. Leaders: Prisca Rice 2 (MH); Dana Steege-Jackson 277; Darry Criss 294; Syd Caldwell 434; Tammy Heinsohn 178; Tom George 214; Beth Janes 89 (MH); Paul Figura 51 (MH); McKenna Mullis 481; Steven T. Schmidgall 496; Allison Langston 112; Tom George 236; Bill Caldwell 163b; Dana Steege-Jackson 58; Darryl Criss 282.

#### RECESS

Syd Caldwell and Tom George brought the class back to order leading 137. Leaders: Rhonda Machlan 127; Cory Winters 300; Tammy Heinsohn 504; Beth Janes 146; Paul Figura 19 (MH); Cory Winters, Sandra Winters, Bobby Winters, and Crystal Langston 59; McKenna Mullis 217; Steven T. Schmidgall 415; Rhonda Machlan 475; Allison Langston 47b; Cory Winters 106; Bill Caldwell led 347 as the closing song. Syd Caldwell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

#### Sunday, April 13

The Sunday session was called to order by Bill Caldwell leading 49b. Syd Caldwell offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Bill Caldwell 350; Cory Winters 441, 176b; McKenna Mullis 535, 353; Syd Caldwell 128, 142; Beth Janes 76b, 288; Paul Figura 313b; Allison Langston 440, 430; Steven T. Schmidgall 164, 73b.

#### RECESS

Bill Caldwell brought the class back to order leading 135 (MH). Leaders: Bill Caldwell 11 (MH); Tammy Heinsohn 49t, 405; Cory Winters 391, 222; McKenna Mullis 204, 13 (MH); Syd Caldwell 149, 113 (MH); Ellen Ray 56t, 548; Paul Figura 73t; Beth Janes 551, 203; Allison Langston 384, 34t; Steven T. Schmidgall 54, 333; Ellen Ray 170, 499.

#### RECESS

Bill Caldwell brought the class back to order leading 182 and 183. A memorial lesson was given by Steven T. Schmidgall leading 45t, and Syd Caldwell leading 285t. Bill Caldwell dismissed the class for lunch by leading 164 (MH).

#### LUNCH

Cory Winters brought the class back to order leading 105 and 232. Leaders: McKenna Mullis 339, 178; Syd Caldwell 177, 39 (MH); Ellen Ray 36b, 512; Paul Figura 235; Beth Janes 38b, 123t; Tammy Heinsohn 66, 172 (MH); Steven T. Schmidgall 369, 100; Allison Langston 198, 448b.

#### RECESS

Cory Winters brought the class back to order leading 269. Leaders: McKenna Mullis 319; Syd Caldwell 99; Ellen Ray 426t; Paul Figura 337; Beth Janes 86; Ray Towne and Cory Winters 268; Steven T. Schmidgall 108b; Allison Langston 318; Bill Caldwell 472, 163b. Announcements were made.

Bill Caldwell led 146 as the closing song. Syd Caldwell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Arranging—Cory Winters; Secretary—Allison Langston

### ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH Ider, Dekalb County, Alabama Sunday, April 13, 2025

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Marty Wootten and Jamey Wootten leading 82t. The opening prayer was offered by Phil Summerlin.

Leaders: Marty Wootten and Jamey Wootten 32t; Aaron Wootten 40; Stephen Miller 371; David Saylor and Teresa Saylor 203; Philip Gilmore 411; Judy

Chambless 373; Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers 84; Blake Sisemore 436; Ken Kelley 217; Robert Chambless 303; Daniel Lee 489; Winfred Kerr 517; Samuel Williams 163t; Mark Carroll 480; Susan Pilcher 542; Cheyenne Ivey 389; Dennis George 108b; Phil Summerlin 35; James Eldridge 95.

#### RECESS

The class was brought together by Jamey Wootten leading 317. Leaders: Daryl Chesney 405; Elam Eddins and Ethan Eddins 168; Deborah Taube and Nathan Taube 49b; Phil Hammond 463 (CB); Abigail Cannon 328; Bill DuPre 107; Kevin Eddins and Dana Eddins 548; Susan Lee 564; Anna Hinton 430; Stephen Miller and Stella Price 32b; Rodney Ivey 234.

Shane Wootten conducted the memorial lesson. He read aloud the names of the sick and shut-ins and the names of the recently deceased. Shane spoke of the difficulties of being sick or shut-in and reminds everyone to reach out to those on or off the list. He continues speaking comforting words and memories of the deceased. He led the song on page 565. Shane was joined by Jerry Wootten and they led the song on page 426t in memory of the recently deceased, the family members, and friends buried in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery. Jerry Wootten concluded the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Terry Wootten and Cole Wootten 505 (CB); Sarah George and James George 138b; Loyd Ivey and Marian Biddle 99; Linda Sides 83t; Ewan Eddins, Edith Eddins, and Elliott Eddins 30b; Nathan Rees 101t; Alex Forsyth 448t; Syble Adams, Pam Wilkerson, Ronda Arnold, and Jesse Wootten descendants 376; Syble Adams, Pam Wilkerson, and Ronda Arnold 572 (CB); Emily Eddins, Eli Eddins, and Katie Smith 207; Rebekah Gilmore 440; Elene Stovall and Maygan Barker 283 (for Don Bowen, for Linda Thomas, and in memory of Marlon Wootten); Matt Hinton 131b. Hayden Wootten asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Marty Wootten and Jamey Wootten leading 166. Leaders: Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 215; Tom George 208; Jeff McLeod 290; Prisca Rice and Eddie Mash 48b; Sharon DuPriest 546; Eric Eddins and Ezra Eddins 503; David Lee 47b; Isaac Boggs, Isaiah Boggs, Ezra Boggs, and Clayton Boggs 511b (CB); Annie Grace Wootten 354b; David Ivey and Richard Ivey 378b; Wayne Wootten and Anna Oliver 276; Sarah Wootten and Caroline Wootten 171; Alissa Eiesland and Nick Dilley 270; Terry Wootten, Sheila Wootten, Jenny Mann, Kaylee Mann, Karlie Mann, Aaron Wootten, Sarah Wootten, and Caroline Wootten 180 (OSH); Tony Ivey and Sandy Ivey 454; Hayden Wootten, Brooke Wootten, and Parker Wootten 340; Judy Mincey 464; Jamey Kelsy 112; Jared Wootten 222; Mattie Mall 402; Reba Windom, Paisley Gast, and Avery Gast 146; Mike Adams 535; Chris Boggs and Michelle Boggs 491; Stanley Smith and Lila 388; Joyce Morton and Rodney Ivey 277; Hannah Underwood and Hazel Underwood 56b. Announcements were made.

Chairman—Marty Wootten; Vice Chairman—Jamey Wootten; Secretary—Cheyenne Ivey

## OLD COUNTY LINE CHURCH SINGING

### Jefferson County, Alabama

### Sunday, April 13, 2025

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old County Line Church, Jefferson County, Alabama, was held on Decoration Day: the second Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Cassie Allen leading 30t. Danny Creel offered the opening prayer. Cassie welcomed the class of singers and visitors.

Leaders: Cassie Allen 336; Ainslie Allen 430; Larry Ballinger 431 (in memory of Henry Guthery); David Jackson 499; Louise Yeager 380; Mike Hankins 527; Tom

Booth 123t; Roma Rice 323b; Butch White 313b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 489; Judy Caudle 200 (for Wanda Capps); Tim Morton 348b; Stefani Priskos 548; Chris Ballinger 512.

**RECESS**

Yancey Jett and Ann Jett led 172 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Henry McGuire 321; Lisa Geist 492; Barrett Patton 422; Ken Tate 460 (for Lucy Heidorn); Warren Steel 352; Emily Stutzman 189; Tim Gregg 92; Mary Amelia Taylor 432; Danny Creel 498; Nicholas Thompson 298 (for Wanda Capps); Cindy Tanner 208 (in memory of Darrell Swarens); Ann Jett 141; Jackie Tanner 89; Hollie Long 306; David Jackson 37b.

**RECESS**

Cassie Allen led 317 to bring the class together. Leaders: Mike Hankins 120; Tom Booth 441; Warren Steel 442; Amber Davis 224; Becky Briggs 318; Tim Morton 168; Stefani Priskos 411; Marlin Beasley 217; Emily Stutzman 369; Larry Ballinger 68b; Roma Rice 187; Henry McGuire 391; Hollie Long 373; Chris Ballinger 215; Butch White 61; Ken Tate 64; Nicholas Thompson 542; Beth Branscome 344.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Yancey Jett leading 440. Leaders: Doug Cantrell 354b; Loretta Whitman 343, 546; Bridge Hill Kennedy 327; Mary Amelia Taylor 475; David Heidorn and Ann Jett 155 (in memory of Sarah Marie); Barrett Patton 182; Tim Gregg 185; Judy Caudle 328; Lisa Geist 269, 273; Beth Branscome 150; Amber Davis 380; Marlin Beasley 129; Becky Briggs 340 (for Sarah Beasley); Danny Creel 485; Danny Creel and Steve Creel 124 (in memory of Teddy Creel); Cindy Tanner 368; Cindy Tanner and Barrett Patton 220; Doug Cantrell 59; Cassie Allen, Shelley Calvert, Yancey Jett, and David Heidorn 167; Cassie Allen, Shelley Calvert, Yancey Jett, David Heidorn, and Ken Tate 342; Cassie Allen and Nicholas Thompson 203 (for Wanda Capps); Cassie Allen and David Heidorn 146 (for Lucy Heidorn); Jackie Tanner 73t; Larry Ballinger 133; Chris Ballinger 177 (in memory of Earl Ballinger).

Cassie Allen and Yancey Jett led 323t as the closing song. Marlin Beasley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Cassie Allen; Chairman—Yancey Jett; Honorary Secretary—Lucy Heidorn; Acting Secretary—Ainslie Allen

**MIDDLE GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Union Primitive Baptist Church, Johnstonville, Georgia**  
**Saturday, April 19, 2025**

The 20th annual Middle Georgia Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. Bill DuPre welcomed the class and led 34b. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Lisa Bennett 101t, 104; David Smead 405, 115; Shawn Taylor 34t, 319; Daniel Williams 523, 68t; Bert Collins 300, 542; Steven Taylor 163t, 159; Glenda Collins 58, 99; Lilly Hooks 354b, 445; Phillip Ford 489, 78.

**RECESS**

Bill DuPre called the class to order leading 378t. Leaders: Samuel Williams 377, 321; Oscar McGuire 420 (in memory of Bentley McGuire), 171; Sandra Wilkinson 82t, 75; Rosemund Watson 503, 229; Susan Ford 45t, 63; Russ Hanson 480, 515. A business session was held, and the class voted to retain the following officers: Chairman—Bill DuPre; Vice Chairman—Lisa Bennett; Secretary—David Smead. John Plunkett led 310, 156.

**LUNCH**

Bill DuPre called the class back to order leading 426t. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 105; David Smead 329. A memorial lesson was held. Lisa Bennett spoke about the sick

and shut-in. She reminded us of the importance of community for physical and mental health, and called on the class to comfort the sick and shut-in with cards and phone calls. Lisa Bennett led 70t for the following sick and shut-ins: Helen Bryson, Henry Johnson, Jack Nelson, Jesse Roberts, Joyce Walton, and Kevin Eddins. Daniel Williams spoke about the deceased. He quoted Matthew 6:19-21 and compared our deceased friends to treasures. Daniel Williams led 36b in memory of the following deceased: Malik Williams, John Smead, Beverly Thompson, Pauline Oliver, and Melvin Kersey. Daniel closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Shawn Taylor 83b; Samuel Williams 49b; Steven Taylor 95; Glenda Collins and Bert Collins 335; Lilly Hooks 47b; Phillip Ford 155; Bill DuPre 365; Daniel Williams 296; Oscar McGuire 163b; Sandra Wilkinson 176b; Susan Ford 282; Russ Hanson 270; John Plunkett 197. After announcements, Lilly Hooks led 128.

Rosemund Watson and Lilly Hooks 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 19, 2025**

The 18th annual Rhode Island All-Day Singing was held at Providence Friends Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, on Saturday before the third Sunday in April. John Hughes called the class to order by leading 171. Erin Fulton offered the opening prayer. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

Leaders: Erin Fulton 495; Margaret Hughes 52t; Carson Evans 122; Christopher Kain 381; David Durstewitz 224; Ron Trial 195; Martin Hamilton 42; Agnes-Dardana Ymeraga 229; Ru Perry-Mize and Zane Jones 448b; Mike Richards 441; Joseph Dunn 480; Bill Holt 352; AZ Madonna 35; Michaela Natal 63; William Schuller 29t; Deidra Montgomery 197; Jeremy Picker 271t; Angela Ruggiero-Corliss 37b; Joan Frankel 143.

### **RECESS**

William Schuller brought the class back to order by leading 106. Leaders: Molly Ellis 432; Lily Hammond 183; MB Gowins 300; Jocelyn Kurtze 313t; Jeremy Galvani 40; Aaron Girard 436; Margaret Hughes 113; Matthew Leger-Small 430; Marlena Ospina 376; Kerry Cullinan 466; Charles Biada 323t; Sage Chase-Dempsey 203; Mary Ganter 373; Kate Bergren 319; Robert Stoddard 377; Neve Jahn 58; Marie Brandis 534; Justin Squizzero 292; Linda Shea 460; Ian Quinn 459; Wendy Sibbison 99; Doron Henkin 228. Erin Fulton said grace, and dismissed the class to dinner.

### **LUNCH**

Justin Squizzero brought the class back to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Gwen Gethner 192; Rachel Rudi 500; Erica Wilson 560; Esther Morgan-Ellis 528; Elizabeth Stoddard 564; Christine Andrews 111b; Jennie Brown 439; Peter Irvine 242; R. Anuhea Sebstad 542; Dana Borrelli-Murray and Scout Murray 146; Eric Beecher 67; Ron Trial 474; Martin Hamilton 481; William Schuller 383; Michaela Natal 297; Bill Holt 419; Angela Ruggiero-Corliss 163t; Doron Henkin 385b; AZ Madonna 344; Jeremy Galvani 454.

### **RECESS**

Sage Chase-Dempsey brought the class back to order by leading 82t. Leaders: Marlena Ospina 290; Joel Newberger 49b; Lily Hammond 86; Karen Freund 77t (in memory of Jerry Enwright); Kate Bergren and R. Anuhea Sebstad 434; Aaron Girard 411; Erica Wilson 123b; Kerry Cullinan 269; Esther Morgan-Ellis 442; Linda Shea 475; Robert Stoddard 345b; Rachel Rudi 138t; MB Gowins 318; Elizabeth Stoddard 201; Matthew Leger-Small 365; Neve Jahn 76b; Wendy Sibbison 187; Laura Hodges 378b (by request); Marie Brandis 280; Peter Irvine 112; Ian Quinn 189; Christine Andrews 129. Announcements were made. Reports from the treasurer and secretary were presented as follows: among a class of singers representing Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and Vermont, sixty leaders led eighty-eight lessons. John Hughes, Laura Hodges, and Erin Fulton led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Erin Fulton spoke a final blessing, and dismissed the class.

Chairman—John Hughes; Vice Chairwoman—Laura Hodges; Secretary—Erin Fulton

**NEW HAVEN SINGING**  
**Rosenfeld Hall, New Haven, Connecticut**  
**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

The New Haven All-Day Singing was held in Rosenfeld Hall on the campus of Yale University. Jocelyn Kurtze called the class to order leading 38t. Ian Quinn gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Michael Ipsen 162; Jeremy Picker 31t; Rachel Farber 56t; Neve Jahn 408; Natalie Leonard 290; Eleanor Womack 82t; Frances Steppe 39t; Chris Griswold 47b; Vera Kahn 59; Charles Biada 53; Olivia Blomstroin 276; Aaron Girard 163t; Rachel Adelstein 474; Izzy Ross 344; Sebastian Beaghen 556; Marlena Ospina 171; Sam Dembling 288; Lily Hammond 282; Kobi Bordoley 185; Ian Quinn 236.

**RECESS**

Abigail Beshkin called the class back to order leading 102. Leaders: Jacob Stebly 153; Margaret Youngberg 310; Charles Biada 223; Alec Collins 183; Doug Kurtze 467; Grant Cook 285b; Rebecca Blumenthal 25; Jill Clough and Evan Landon 159; Kerry Cullinan 513; Ellie Knickman 200.

Carol Huang led 330b after speaking for the following sick and shut-ins: Stephanie Fida, John Hodges, Lynn Fulton Pfannenstiel, Greta Holbrook, Jane Trial, Tom Waggener, Quasar and Kendall Phoenix, Jenny Wright, Rob Arbelo, Debbie Hall, Donald and Jeni Knickman, Liza Prokop, Liz Cantrell, Dan Hertzler, and Henny Phillips.

Gwen Gethner led 123t after speaking for the following deceased: Terry Barber and Susan Fetscho—California; Corrone and Ruth Ann Bryant—Florida; Grady Wade Denney Burgess and Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia; Sally Gethner Handler—Illinois; William Ralph Paris—Kentucky; John Demers—Massachusetts; Ann Schluter—North Dakota; Danny Cooper and Laura Yahr—New York; Kathleen Nagy—Ohio; David Bennett, Ethel Henderson, Linda McKellar, Wayne Punsmon, and Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; James Alexander—Tennessee; Stuart Strothman—Vermont; Kris Malfait—Belgium. Ian Quinn closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Sage Chase-Dempsey 284; Gary Ryan 271t; Christopher Kain 381; Jasmine Mendoza 187; Erin Fulton 360; Nancy Mandel 66; Colleen Hayes 182.

**LUNCH**

Sage Chase-Dempsey, Jill Clough, Alec Collins, Grant Cook, Kerry Cullinan, Colleen Hayes, Evan Landon, and Noah Mease called the class back to order leading 29t. Leaders: Marie Brandis 328; Hazel and Mike Richards 103; Magdalena Zapqdowska 189; William Schuller 220; Rachel Hall 292; Kevin Berne 411; Keillor Mose 156; Esther Morgan-Ellis 417; Doron Henkin 506; Sara Lott 564; Jason Jack

198; Matthew Leger-Small 367; Erika Wilson 385t; Michaela Natal 415; Harry Bemholz 250; Noah Mease 277; Ian Quinn 488; Carol Huang 430; Erin Fulton 212; Christopher Kain 451; Nancy Mandel 501.

#### RECESS

Keillor Mose called the class back to order leading 295. Leaders: Marie Brandis and Marlenne Gonzales 37b; Laura Hodges 512; Kobi Bordoley and Rachel Sipser 32b; Gwen Gethner 203; MadeIra Ospina 300; Lily Hammond and Esther Morgan-Ellis 179; Sam Dembling and Magdalena Zapgowska 81t; Jason Jack and Matthew Leger-Small 148; William Schuller and Erika Wilson 35; Doron Harkin and Sara Lott 204; Ellie Knickman, Doug Kurtze, and Jocelyn Kurtze 378b; Rachel Adelstein, Rachel Farber, and Rachel Hall 299; Kerry Culhnan and Gary Ryan 168; Charles Biada and Jasmine Mendoza 209; Mike Richards and Jacob Stebly 377; Rebecca Blumenthal and Natalie Leonard 504. Reports were given and resolutions were made. Eighty-eight registered singers were in attendance representing nine states and Italy.

Jocelyn Kurtze, Michael Ipsen, Rachel Farber, and Jeremy Picker led 347 as the closing song. Ian Quinn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Jocelyn Kurtze; Vice Chairperson—Michael Ipsen; Secretary—Jeremy Picker

### OLD HARMONY SINGING

**Cleburne County, Alabama**

**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, near Abernathy, Cleburne County, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Winfred Kerr leading 46 and 47b. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b, 503; Glenda Collins 32t, 81t; Robert Chambliss 75, 225t; Cecil Roberts 340, 491; Judy Chambliss 472, 282; Barbara Brooks 58, 406; Bert Collins 35, 335; David Gillmay 178, 155; Tina Lett and Sawyer Lett 59, 348b. RECESS

Winfred Kee led 77b and 82t to bring the class together. Leaders: Robert Chambliss 97, 358; Oscar McGuire 163t, 229; Tina Lett, Sawyer Lett, and Sara Foshee 145b, 445 (in memory of Ann Simpson); David Gillmay 497, 186; Barbara Brooks 119, 101b; Cecil Roberts 100, 76b; Glenda Collins 77t, 63; Bert Collins 124, 339; Judy Chambliss 29t, 45t. Cecil Roberts asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cecil Roberts leading 33b. Leaders: Tina Lett, Sawyer Lett, and Sara Foshee 146; David Gillmay 159; Glenda Collins 101t; Robert Chambliss 274t; Bert Collins 354b. Announcements were made.

Winfred Kerr led 89 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Secretary—Glenda Collins

### PINE GROVE SINGING

**Lookout Mountain, Dekalb County, Alabama**

**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Pine Grove, near Collinsville, Alabama, was held on the third Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Scot Oliver leading 82t. Shane Brown offered the opening prayer. Scot welcomed the class of singers and visitors.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 176t; Judy Caudle 415; Joyce Morton 299 (in memory of Bud Oliver, S.T. Reed, and Milton Oliver); Daniel Lee 410t; Jerry Turlington 335 (in

memory of Floyd Stiefel); Paula Oliver 540; Wayne Wootten 36b (in memory of Lamar Smith); Bill DuPre 65; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 186 (in memory of Barrett Ashley); Shawn Taylor 171; Lisa Bennett 361; Nathan Rees 278b; Shane Brown 123t (in memory of Chita Blakeley).

**RECESS**

Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 56t to bring the class together. Leaders: David Brodeur 428; Tom George 134; Meredith Ivey 46; Nicholas Thompson 498; Susan Lee 300; David Smead 327; Jared Wootten 328; Everett Ivey 38t; Sarah George 451; Reba Windom 408 (in memory of Mary Ruth Stiefel); Eric Blanks 480; Levi Trumbore 354b.

**RECESS**

Scot Oliver led 313t. Leaders: Jackie Tanner 42; Alanna Blanks 551; Shane Wootten 156; Richard Ivey 311; Abigail Cannon 400; Roma Rice 287; Kelsey Ivey 309; Anna Oliver 283; Cindy Tanner 297. Jeff Gunner asked a blessing before the noon meal at the tables.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Meredith Ivey leading 421. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 548; Paisley Gast, Avery Gast, and Reba Windom 146; Everett Ivey 203; Jerry Trulington 406; Bill DuPre 225t; Lisa Bennett 167; Levi Trumbore 440; Susan Lee 107; Shawn Taylor 564; Shane Brown 236; David Brodeur 411; David Smead 423; Sarah George 224; Roma Rice 150; Daniel Lee 32b; Nathan Rees 447; Judy Caudle 500; Tom George 93; Kelsey Ivey 102; Nicholas Thompson 208 (in memory of Darrell Swarens); Abigail Cannon 187; Shane Wootten, Wayne Wootten, and Anna Oliver 426b (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Jared Wootten 475; Alanna Blanks 405; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 456; Jackie Tanner 314; Joyce Morton 155; Paula Oliver 270; Richard Ivey 567; Hank Oliver 108b. Announcements were made.

Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 45b as the closing song. Jared Wootten dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Scot Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**ATLANTA SACRED HARP SINGING**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

The 6th annual Atlanta Sacred Harp Singing was held at the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Andy Ditzler leading 77b. 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—Shawn Taylor.

Leaders: Andy Ditzler 187; Bill DuPre 70t; David Smead 71; Malinda Snow 72b; David Brodeur 228 (International Lesson with the East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention, where Hannah Land led the same song at the same time); John Plunkett 459; Joan Durdin 148; Lela Crowder 138b; Christy Sinksen 448t; Judy Mincey 564; Phillip Langley 460; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Ally Snyder 146; Daniel Edwards 56b; Doug Allison 53; Daniel Lee 489; Pat Lowder 198; Michael Spencer 420.

**RECESS**

Shawn Taylor brought the class back to order leading 105. The chairman turned the singing over to Jesse P. Karlsberg of the Revision-Music Committee for the singing and recording of two songs being considered for the forthcoming revision of *The Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Nathan Rees; Jesse P. Karlsberg. We then resumed our regular singing. Leaders: Lisa Bennett and Connie Caird 154; Karen Edwards 276;

MaryClare DeReuil and Andy Ditzler 47b; Jim Neal 81t; Susan Lee 32b; Kelsey Rasp and David Brodeur 183; Barbara Lehr and Nadia Bolz-Weber 268; Hannah Richardson and Shawn Taylor 163t; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Kathy Smith and Ellen McNeill 159; Danarieza Villa and Jose Camacho 99; Bridge Hill Kennedy 155; Nadia Bolz-Weber 142; Carol Statella and Gail Doss 86; Nathan Rees 353; Ellen McNeill and Joyce McNeill 162, 45t; Rosemarie Yntema 384. Bridge Hill Kennedy offered the prayer for the noontime meal.

#### LUNCH

Phillip Langley called the class to order leading 100. Leaders: Niklas Vollmer, Sarah Dixon, and Andy Ditzler 112; Daniel Lee 302; Gail Doss 192; Barbara Lehr, Watts Allen, and Nadia Bolz-Weber 178; Jose Camacho 272; Susan Lee 542; Sasha Hsuczyk 440; Nadia Bolz-Weber and Andy Ditzler 319; Bridge Hill Kennedy 89; Nathan Rees 181; Duffy 203; Eric Byrd 282; Jake Blues Harmon and Lisa Bennett 522; Pat Lowder 117; Christy Sinksen 107; Amy Wells and Corinne Wells 472; Judy Mincey 320; Lela Crowder 157; Michael Spencer 370; David Smead and Maureen Wallin 504; Bill Hollingsworth 186; Jim Neal 496; Ellen McNeill and Joyce McNeill 32t. After announcements, Andy Ditzler led 382 as the closing song. Nadia Bolz-Weber gave the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Andy Ditzler; Vice Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretary—David Smead called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Andy Ditzler leading 77b. 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—Shawn Taylor.

Leaders: Andy Ditzler 187; Bill DuPre 70t; David Smead 71; Malinda Snow 72b; David Brodeur 228 (International Lesson with the East Midlands Sacred Harp Convention, where Hannah Land led the same song at the same time); John Plunkett 459; Joan Durdin 148; Lela Crowder 138b; Christy Sinksen 448t; Judy Mincey 564; Phillip Langley 460; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Ally Snyder 146; Daniel Edwards 56b; Doug Allison 53; Daniel Lee 489; Pat Lowder 198; Michael Spencer 420.

#### RECESS

Shawn Taylor brought the class back to order leading 105. The chairman turned the singing over to Jesse P. Karlsberg of the Revision-Music Committee for the singing and recording of two songs being considered for the forthcoming revision of *The Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Nathan Rees; Jesse P. Karlsberg. We then resumed our regular singing. Leaders: Lisa Bennett and Connie Caird 154; Karen Edwards 276; MaryClare DeReuil and Andy Ditzler 47b; Jim Neal 81t; Susan Lee 32b; Kelsey Rasp and David Brodeur 183; Barbara Lehr and Nadia Bolz-Weber 268; Hannah Richardson and Shawn Taylor 163t; Bill Hollingsworth 236; Kathy Smith and Ellen McNeill 159; Danarieza Villa and Jose Camacho 99; Bridge Hill Kennedy 155; Nadia Bolz-Weber 142; Carol Statella and Gail Doss 86; Nathan Rees 353; Ellen McNeill and Joyce McNeill 162, 45t; Rosemarie Yntema 384. Bridge Hill Kennedy offered the prayer for the noontime meal.

#### LUNCH

Phillip Langley called the class to order leading 100. Leaders: Niklas Vollmer, Sarah Dixon, and Andy Ditzler 112; Daniel Lee 302; Gail Doss 192; Barbara Lehr, Watts Allen, and Nadia Bolz-Weber 178; Jose Camacho 272; Susan Lee 542; Sasha Hsuczyk 440; Nadia Bolz-Weber and Andy Ditzler 319; Bridge Hill Kennedy 89; Nathan Rees 181; Duffy 203; Eric Byrd 282; Jake Blues Harmon and Lisa Bennett 522; Pat Lowder 117; Christy Sinksen 107; Amy Wells and Corinne Wells 472; Judy Mincey 320; Lela Crowder 157; Michael Spencer 370; David Smead and Maureen Wallin 504; Bill Hollingsworth 186; Jim Neal 496; Ellen McNeill and Joyce McNeill 32t. After announcements, Andy Ditzler led 382 as the closing song.

Nadia Bolz-Weber gave the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.  
Chairman—Andy Ditzler; Vice Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretary—David Smead

**E.T. WHITE MEMORIAL**  
**Valley Grove Community Center, Cullman, Alabama**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

The 2nd annual E.T. White Memorial Singing was held at Valley Grove Community Center, Cullman, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. The class was called to order by Butch White leading 34b. Tom Booth offered the morning prayer.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland; Arranging—Judy Caudle. The business session was closed. Leaders: Butch White 547; Christopher Mann 82t, 146; Judy Caudle 49t, 61; Theresa Westmoreland 27, 32t; Delone Cobbs 31b, 369; Roma Rice 149, 109; Tom Booth 225t, 475; Louise Yeager 276 (for Margaret Keeton), 426b.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Christopher Mann leading 101t. Leaders: Joyce White 178, 63; Hazel Heinze 68b, 145t; Linda Booth 222, 166 (in memory of Julia Poston); Nicholas Thompson 204, 318; Christopher Mann 159 (for Shirley Day); Butch White 39b; Christopher Mann 38b; Theresa Westmoreland 39t, 43 (in memory of Richard Mauldin); Delone Cobbs 141, 480. Delone Cobbs offered the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Butch White called the class back to order leading 86. Leaders: Judy Caudle 111t, 112; LeAnn Carter 101b, 481, 29t; Roma Rice 425, 373; Joyce White 313b, 344; Louise Yeager 36b, 100; Tom Booth 565, 440; Hazel Heinze 107, 438; Nicholas Thompson 436, 551 (by request); Butch White and Joyce White 77t.

Butch White led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Tom Booth.

Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland

**GOLDEN GATE SINGING**  
**Berkeley, California**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

The annual Golden Gate All-Day Singing was held at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in April. Hannah Blair and Ellen Leuck called the class to order by leading 63. Dami Osoba offered the opening prayer.

In a business meeting the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Dave Barber; Vice Chair—Heather Purdy; Secretaries—Leah Coffin and Janet Herman; Treasurer—Hannah Mae Blair; Chaplain—Dami Osoba. The business meeting was then closed.

Leaders: Dave Barber 35; Heather Purdy 30b; Jeremy Knight 29b; Mary O'Brien 82t; Joseph Coghlan 501; Rebecca Edwards 155; Marc Lambert 46; Jonas Powell 228; Dill Ma 40; Wren Hyde 95; Bob Schinske 295; Paul Hsi 49b; Carolyn Deacy 208; Betsy Jeronen 111b; Paul Kostka 528; Leigh Cooper 156; Pat Coghlan 444; Gioia Fonda 68b; Jennifer Jones 163t; Dami Osoba 200.

**RECESS**

Wren Hyde called the class back to order by leading 81t. Leaders: Hugh McGuire 420; Inder Khalsa 272; Sarah Rosenwahl-Mak 300; Sumie Arnold 31t; Thom Fahrbach 216; Janet Herman 217; Hannah Mae Blair 72b; Lizzie Sanders 472; Sean

Sall 277; Lydia LaRoux 30t; Aida Veliz 236; Conall Barber 106; Yarrow Syskine 133; Rosie Sokolov 203; Ian Philips 268; Emma Swartz 172; Jonathan Scher 59; Peter Schinske 373; Leah Coffin 397. Dami Osoba offered the blessing before dinner on the grounds.

#### LUNCH

Hugh McGuire led 572 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Lindy Groening 401; Lizzie Sanders 227; Maggie Zhou 384; Pat Coghlan 299; Bob Schinske 349; Jennifer Jones 377; Annalise Veliz 99; Jenny Solheim 411; Emma Swartz 383; Thom Fahrbach 317; Rosie Sokolov 34t; Esteban Veliz 365; Betsy Jeronen 534; Janet Herman 110; Peter Schinske 312b; Sumie Arnold 207 (for all the new parents); Wren Hyde 189.

#### RECESS

Emma Swartz and Jennifer Jones brought the class together by leading 29t. Leaders: Inder Khalsa 442; Dami Osoba 302; Bob Schinske 375; Helen Cepero 282; Leah Coffin 44; Alex Cottle 297; Jenny Solheim 532; Janice Mercer 324; Rebecca Edwards 326; Shaoni White 117; Annalise Veliz 436; Ellen Leuck 310; Linda Selph 564 (in memory of Susan and David Fecho); Dave Barber 64; Lindy Groening 331; Heather Purdy 112.

#### RECESS

The final session began with Esteban Veliz, Annalise Veliz, and Aida Veliz leading 445. Leaders: Hannah Mae Blair 330b; Jeremy Knight 448t; Maggie Zhou 76b; Marc Lambert 105; Dill Ma 182; Jonas Powell 542; Mary O'Brien 348t; Yarrow Syskine 547; Carolyn Deacy 504; Leigh Cooper 368.

The business meeting was reopened and reports heard. The treasurer reported that expenses had been reached. The secretary reported that sixty-one total singers with fifty leading from three different states had led eighty-six songs. The resolutions committee gave their report. The business meeting was closed.

Announcements were made.

Dave Barber and Heather Purdy led 62 and invited singers to take the parting hand. Dami Osoba dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Dave Barber; Vice Chair—Heather Purdy; Secretaries—Leah Coffin, Janet Herman

### **HARPETH VALLEY / PRIESTLEY MILLER MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Harpeth Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee  
Saturday, April 26, 2025**

The 62nd annual Harpeth Valley / Priestley Miller Memorial Sacred Harp Singing returned to its original home on its original date, the first Saturday after Easter. The singing had not been held at Harpeth Presbyterian Church since 1995. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading 159. Larry Brown gave the morning prayer. Tim Reynolds led 34b.

Leaders: David Carlton 171, 48t; Nicole Scott 101t, 87; John Wendt 141, 49t; Tammy Heinsohn 86, 63; Carol Wendt 56t, 56b; Larry Brown 49b, 99; Brandon Buxton 410b, 319.

#### RECESS

Tim Reynolds brought the class back together leading 573 and 572. Leaders: Faye Wood and Nicole Scott 475, 300; Brandon Buxton and Kathryn Buxton 408, 285t; Kelli Joyce and Tammy Heinsohn 146, 155; Debbie McKenzie and Tammy Heinsohn 159, 274t.

#### RECESS

John Wendt brought the class back together leading 96 and 210. Leaders: Kathryn Buxton 68b, 81t; Larry Brown 236, 276; Nicole Scott 215, 217; Carol Wendt 569b, 145t.

#### LUNCH

Tim Reynolds called the class to order leading 148 and 551. Leaders: Nicole Scott 209, 208; Tammy Heinsohn 178, 455; John Wendt 335, 479; Larry Brown 66, 515; Carol Wendt 370, 145b; David Carlton and Bailey Pickens 457, 496. After announcements, Tim Reynolds led 192 as the closing song. Larry Brown offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—David Carlton; Secretary—Carol Wendt

### NEW YORK STATE REGIONAL SINGING

Ithaca, New York

Saturday, April 26, 2025

The class at the New York State Regional Spring Sacred Harp Singing was called together by Ginny Huszagh leading 49t. Dennis Leipold offered the opening prayer. A slate of officers was presented and elected as follows: Chairperson—Ginny Huszagh; Co-chairman—Eric Bean; Chaplain—Dennis Leipold.

Leaders: Chris Haller 86 (requested by Harold Taddy); Sam Colton 163b; Jerusha Wheeler 189; Mary Skidmore 171; Jean Seiler 217; Dennis Leipold 52t; Tarek Wareh 175; Ginny Huszagh 299; Chris Griswold 481; Sue Hengelsberg 306; Dev Crasta 178; Candis Bailey 312b; Judy Pardee 135; Bob Wheeler 107; Thom Metzger 344 (requested by Helen Haller); Eileen Metzger 383; Barbara Swetman 179; Thom Metzger 274t; Rebeka Radner-Crasta 522; Susan Louks 56b; Denise Morris 451; Joy Pople and Barbara Swetman 236.

#### RECESS

Chris Griswold called the class back to order by leading 159. Leaders: Chris Haller 191; Sam Colton 38b; Jerusha Wheeler 474; Mary Skidmore 426b; Jean Seiler 318; Dennis Leipold 475; Danielle Feerick 547; Seth Rutledge 294; Terik Wareh 224; Ginny Huszagh 195; Chris Griswold 313t; Sue Hengelsberg 504; Dev Crasta 31t; Candis Bailey 551; Judy Pardee 503; Ernest Blake 479; Bob Wheeler 39t; Chris Haller 117 (requested by Helen Haller). A prayer was led by Dennis Leipold.

#### LUNCH

Candis Bailey reconvened the class leading 47t. Leaders: Rebeka Radna-Crasta 36b; Barbara Swetman 365; Chris Haller 267; Jean Seiler 82t; Tarik Wareh 266; Ginny Huszagh 200; Mary Skidmore 542; Dennis Leipold 455 (requested by Harris Billeci); Jerusha Wheeler 315 (for Melody Johnson); Dev Crasta 288; Candis Bailey 106; Bob Wheeler 569b; Sue Hengelsberg 454; Susan Louks 99; Chris Griswold 47b (in memory of Tyler who died last month); Danielle Feerick 49b; Denise Morris 196; Mary Skidmore 300; Judy Pardee 157; Chris Haller 496 (Helen Haller requested); Rebeka Radner-Crasta 122; Barbara Swetman 546; Chris Haller 497.

#### RECESS

Jerusha Wheeler called the class back together leading 401. Leaders: Chris Griswold 183; Susan Loucks 445; Jean Seiler 448t; Terik Wareh 343; Ginny Huszagh 268; Mary Skidmore 567; Dennis Leipold 272; Candis Bailey 285t; Ernest Blake 40; Jack Feerick 162; Bob Wheeler 276; Seth Rutledge 442; Sue Hengelsberg and Jean Seiler 254; Judy Pardee 28t; Denise Morris 408; Joy Pople 30b; Rebeka Radner-Crasta 29b;

Barbara Swetman 277; Chris Haller 351; Danielle Feerick 270; Jerusha Wheeler 143 (requested by Melody Johnson); Chris Griswold 378b; Susan Louks 384.

Announcements were made. Treasurer, Seth Rutledge reported that expenses were met, with the extra to go to the Meeting House for repairs to the stucco. Eric Bean, for the arranging committee, reported twenty-five leaders from three states led more than thirty-five singers in ninety songs. Ginny Huszagh led 62 as the closing song. Dennis Leipold offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Ginny Huszagh; Co-chairman—Eric Bean; Secretaries—Sue Hengelsberg, Jerusha Wheeler, and Denise Morris

## **OLIVER KINDIG-STOKES MEMORIAL SINGING York Friends Meeting House, York, Pennsylvania**

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**

The 8th Annual Kindig-Stokes Memorial Singing was held on the fourth Saturday in April at the York Friends Meeting House, York, Pennsylvania. The singing would have been the 18th annual York singing. It was renamed in 2016 after the death of one of its founders, Oliver Kindig-Stokes. Outgoing Chair Joyce Forry called the class to order by leading 101t. The opening prayer was offered by Lamar Matthew. Incoming Chair Elizabeth Patton led 174, made opening remarks, and announced the other officers.

Leaders: Emily Raffensberger 168; Jeff Geib 49t; Harry Scott 155; Jeff Shenk 106; Lamar Matthew 156; Ted Stokes 30t; Lyn Koehnline 34b; Tom Stokes 100; Ruth W. Hissong 394; Guy Bankes 120; Sam Adioetomo 452; Leon Pulsinelle 340.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Hollie Long leading 35. Leaders: Christopher Lazzaro 81t; Erika Wilson 391; Kevin Griffin Moreno 299; Rachel Hall 498; Lindsey Falbo 290; Thomas Ward 399b; Doe Lowinger 69t; Miriam Delirium 70b; Katie Browne 282; Jessica Keyes 384; Kevin Slaughter 448t; Landon Peer 448b; Anna Melton 383; Korey Guerrieri 315; Sophie Sokolov 227; Kyle Johnston 314; Elizabeth Pilar 445.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Matt Drumheller leading 33b. Leaders: Jeff Shenk 569b; Ben Fink 200; Michaela Natal 477; Elsa Phemayotin 335; Rachel Farber 274b; Marie Brandis 171; Sam Kleinman 396; Jasmine Mendoza 58; Kathy Manning 304; Ryan Courtney 542; Zoe MacDonald 270; Matt Drumheller 236; Hollie Long 47b; Ruth W. Hissong 279; Ted Stokes 181; Tom Stokes 442. Lamar Matthew offered a prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Tom Stokes leading 30b. Leaders: Kevin Griffin Moreno 376; Jasmine Mendoza 183; Lindsey Falbo 71; Sam Kleinman 189; Rachel Farber 398; Elsa Phemayotin 345b; Marie Brandis 216; Matthew Kaufmann 406; Wyn Batson 292; Michaela Natal 373; Jessica Keyes 179; Thomas Ward 229; Kevin Slaughter 347; Kathy Manning 480; Ryan Courtney 535; Landon Peer 123b; Leon Pulsinelle 70t.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Ruth W. Hissong leading 546. Leaders: Sam Adioetomo 203; Ben Fink 245; Rachel Hall 423; Kyle Johnston 144; Sophie Sokolov 146; Korey Guerrieri 532; Anna Melton 548; Miriam Delirium 547; Erika Wilson 275t; Katie Browne 162; Christopher Lazzaro 319; Doe Lowinger 40; Matthew Kaufmann 125; Wyn Batson 349; Elizabeth Pilar and Tom Stokes 564; Zoe MacDonald 499; Lamar Matthew 154; Emily Raffensberger 312b.

The Chair made closing remarks. The Secretary reported that eighty-seven songs had been led by forty-nine leaders. Seventy-nine people were registered, from six states and the District of Columbia. Announcements were made.

The Treasurer reported that the donations received were sufficient to cover expenses. In closing, the song on page 62 was sung as the class took the parting hand. Lamar Matthew offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Elizabeth Patton; Vice Chair—Emily Raffensberger; Secretary—Lyn Koehnline

**EAST MIDLANDS SHAPE NOTE CONVENTION**  
**Kegworth Village Hall, Nottinghamshire, United Kingdom**  
**April 26-27, 2025**  
**Saturday, April 26**

The East Midlands Shape Note Singing Convention was held on the fourth weekend in April. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, 2012 Cooper Edition* (CB) on Saturday and *The Christian Harmony, 2010 Edition* (CH) on Sunday.

The class was called to order by Hannah Land leading 30t (CB). Margaret Gillanders gave the opening prayer. Leaders: Ian West 51t (CB); Joe Vickers 504t (CB); Rosalind Oldham 84; Chris Noren 55 (CB); Jo-anne Carlyle 29t; Mick Verrier 163 (CB); Joy Spreadborough 31t (CB); Derek Buckland 162; Emily Verrier 200; Josh Lant 380t (CB); Claire Welford 380b (CB); Richard Mayers 181; Werner Ullah 503; Inga Buckland 452; David Moore 38t; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 105.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Vicki Elliot leading 131b. Leaders: Emily Verrier 127; Hannah Land 137 (CB); Joan Nagy 178; Inga Buckland 299; Joe Vickers 314 (CB); Claire Welford 270; Rosalind Oldham 66; Matthew Parkinson 81b; Josh Lant 119; Joy Spreadborough 122 (CB); Richard Mayers 350 (CB); Ian West 575 (CB); Leilai Immel-Parkinson 179; Mick Verrier 106 (CB); Chris Noren 486 (CB); Jo-anne Carlyle 422 (CB); Emily Verrier 113; David Moore 236; Vicki Elliott 217; Derek Buckland 70t; Werner Ullah 457; Joan Nagy 347. Rosalind Oldham gave the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The class was called to order by Josh Lant leading 96 (CB). Leaders: Chris Noren 263 (in honour of Richard Mayers' birthday); Claire Welford 486; Ian West 559 (CB); Phil Tyler 184b (CB); Emily Verrier 189; Vicki Elliott 377; Hannah Land 133 (CB); Matthew Parkinson 315 (CB); Joe Vickers 98 (CB); John Baldini and Emily Verrier 113; Inga Buckland 505; Mick Verrier 268; Werner Ullah 410t; Joy Spreadborough 68b; David Moore 198 (in memory of Ruth Steggles); Joan Nagy 504; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 54t (CB); Jo-anne Carlyle 344.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Chris Noren leading 463 (CB). Leaders: Vicki Elliott 273 (CB); Derek Buckland 348t; Richard Mayers 324; Joan Nagy 56b; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 56t; Phil Tyler 411 (CB); Emily Verrier 288; Matthew Parkinson 287; Inga Buckland 308; Werner Ullah 501; Charlotte Lynch and Joe Vickers 38t (CB); Claire Welford 587 (CB); Mick Verrier 132 (CB); Joy Spreadborough 481; David Moore 478 (CB); Hannah Land 228 (International lesson with the Atlanta All-Day Singing, where David Brodeur led the same song at the same time); Joe Vickers 493; Jo-anne Carlyle 86; Ian West 500 (CB); Josh Land 444t (CB).

After brief announcements, Hannah Land and Chris Noren led 527 (CB). Joe Vickers dismissed the class with the closing prayer.

### Sunday, April 27

The Sunday session of the East Midlands Shape Note Singing Convention was convened at Kegworth Village Hall. All song selections were from the *Christian Harmony*, 2010 edition.

The class was called to order by Hannah Land leading 72t (CH). Joe Vickers gave the opening prayer. Leaders: Joe Vickers 44t (CH); Jo-anne Carlyle 225b (CH); Joy Spreadborough 507b (CH); Werner Ullah 546b (CH); Inga Buckland 51 (CH); Claire Welford 46b (CH); Chris Noren 49 (CH); Derek Buckland 143 (CH); Phil Tyler 455b (CH); Tom Sprackland 307 (CH); Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 163b (CH); Jo-anne Carlyle 16 (CH); Werner Ullah 55b (CH); Joy Spreadborough 194 (CH); Claire Welford 195 (CH).

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Joe Vickers leading 336t (CH). Leaders: Jess Nock 261t (CH); Inga Buckland 261b (CH); Hannah Land 133 (CH); Phil Tyler 355 (CH); Tom Sprackland 205 (CH); Chris Noren 142 (CH); Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 1 (CH); Derek Buckland 184 (CH); Claire Welford 167t (CH); Joy Spreadborough 343 (CH); Inga Buckland 473 (CH).

Hannah Land gave the combined sick and housebound and memorial lessons, beginning with the following sick and housebound: Patricia Landes, Brian Bryony Bartholemew, Cath Tyler, Adam Barnes, Chris Stadward, Cáilia Mann, B (wishes to be anonymous), Liz Knowles, Rosie Meredith, Lynn Allen, and Mary Beer. The following deceased were also remembered: Susie McIntosh, Uschi Nolte, Henry Guthery, Chloe Webb, Steve Biggs, Jean Rogan, Dave Crowther, Reed Schilbach, Jabbara Edwards, Corrone and Ruth Anne Bryant, Bernard Collard, Simon White, Rob Mahoney, Josh Byers, Zareer Masani, Pete Polish, Dinos Nearchou, Peter Child, Constance Dennis, Dingo Dinkleman, Olive Gibson, and Neil Thompson. Hannah Land led 111b (CH), and closed the lessons with a prayer.

Leaders: Joe Vickers 400t (CH); Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 281 (CH); Phil Tyler 521 (CH); Werner Ullah 417b (CH). Joy Spreadborough offered the noon blessing.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Joe Vickers leading 61t (CH). Leaders: Tom Sprackland 492b (CH); Jo-anne Carlyle 432b (CH); Chris Noren 168b (CH); Derek Buckland 117 (CH); Hannah Land 54t (CH); Phil Tyler 64 (CH); Inga Buckland 431 (CH); Claire Welford 485 (CH); Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 245 (CH); Werner Ullah 58b (CH); Joy Spreadborough 137 (CH); Joe Vickers 338b (CH); Tom Sprackland 179 (CH); Jo-anne Carlyle 147 (CH); Chris Noren 372 (CH).

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Oisin Kisdon-Ireland leading 109 (CH). Leaders: Inga Buckland 515 (CH); Phil Tyler 516 (CH); Claire Welford 146b (CH); Derek Buckland 226 (CH); Chris Noren 176 (CH); Joy Spreadborough 272 (CH); Werner Ullah 420 (CH); Hannah Land 81t (CH); Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 29 (CH); Tom Sprackland 67t (CH); Inga Buckland 11 (CH); Jo-anne Carlyle 105b (CH); Phil Tyler 203 (CH); Derek Buckland 341 (CH); Chris Noren 50 (CH).

The secretaries reported forty-seven registrants, thirty-six leaders, and one hundred forty-seven songs sung over the course of the weekend.

Following announcements, Hannah Land led 67b (CH) as the closing song. She dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Hannah Land; Secretaries—Joy Spreadborough, Anne Foulkes, and Joe Vickers

**RUSK COUNTY CONVENTION**  
**Pine Grove Church, Henderson, Texas**  
**April 26-27, 2025**  
**Saturday, April 26**

The 16th 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*).

Joseph Sherer called the class to order by leading 49t (CB). Gaylon Powell offered the opening prayer. A business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected: Chairman—Emily Brown; Vice Chairman—Tristan Gordon; Secretary—Gaylon Powell.

Leaders: Joseph Sherer 40 (CB); Emily Brown 36b (CB), 217 (CB); Tristan Gordon 30t (CB), 81 (CB); Gaylon Powell 215 (CB) (for Jennifer Obeiden who lost her son in a driving accident), 98 (CB); Robert Vaughn 29t (CB), 142 (CB); Janie Short 198 (CB), 571 (CB); Sonia Chin 31b (CB), 419 (CB); Ivy Hauser-Hall 336t (CB), 309 (CB); Jim Lazenby 38t (CB), 337 (CB); John Hoerr 95b (CB), 112 (CB).

**RECESS**

Leaders: Emily Brown 59b (CB); Chris Nicholson and Charity Vaughn 212 (CB), 518 (CB); Henry McGuire 498 (CB), 563 (CB); Cindy Tanner 559 (CB), 505 (CB); Jane Cannon 210 (CB), 279 (CB); Tim Gregg 580 (CB), 55 (CB); Ken Tate 133 (CB), 511b (CB); Will Gatewood 105b (CB), 465 (CB); Robert Handel 230 (CB), 392 (CB). Chris Nicholson asked the blessing for the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Leaders: Emily Brown 54t (CB); Danny Creel 404 (CB), 522 (CB); Will McGuire 500 (CB), 464 (CB); Valerie Gatewood 70t (CB), 451 (CB); Ann Jett 515 (CB), 503 (CB); Prisca Rice 48b (CB), 567 (CB); Molly Gatewood 157 (CB), 106 (CB); Cassie Allen 514 (CB), 355 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 269 (CB), 268t (CB); Brooke Robb 406 (CB), 558 (CB); Stina Soderling 216 (CB), 68t (CB); Max Bradicich 422t (CB), 422b (CB).

**RECESS**

Leaders: Emily Brown 207b (CB); Kristie Powell 138t (CB), 543 (CB); Joan Smith 47b (CB), 100 (CB); Henry McGuire and Will McGuire 410 (CB); Cindy Tanner and Jane Cannon 478 (CB); Danny Creel and Ken Tate 140 (CB); Will Gatewood, Molly Gatewood, and Valerie Gatewood 511t (CB); Tim Gregg and Robert Handel 137 (CB); Sonya Kirkham and Prisca Rice 591 (CB); Joseph Sherer and Max Bradicich 164 (CB); Janie Short, Joan Smith, and Tammy Powell 127 (CB); Ivy Hauser-Hall and Sonia Chin 379 (CB); Stina Soderling and Tristan Gordon 51 (CB); Brooke Robb and Kristie Powell 524 (CB); Gaylon Powell and John Hoerr 532 (CB); Robert Vaughn, Chris Nicholson, and Charity Vaughn 95t (CB). Stina Soderling and Tammy Powell were appointed to serve on the Memorial Committee.

Emily Brown led 323t (CB) as the closing song for the day. The closing prayer was offered by Tim Gregg.

**Sunday, April 27**

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*. Emily Brown led 31t (CH) for the opening song. Ken Tate offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Emily Brown 1 (CH); Tristan Gordon 105t (CH), 9 (CH); Gaylon Powell 138 (CH), 332 (CH); Cassie Allen 292 (CH), 288 (CH); Will McGuire 110 (CH), 150 (CH); Sonia Chin 307 (CH), 326 (CH); Ann Jett 51 (CH), 149 (CH); Jane Cannon 455b (CH), 57 (CH); Tim Gregg 207b (CH), 162 (CH); Molly Gatewood 157 (CH), 207t (CH); John Hoerr 547 (CH), 546b (CH); Sonya Kirkham 355 (CH), 189 (CH).

## RECESS

Leaders: Emily Brown 64 (CH); Will Gatewood 514 (CH), 432b (CH); Prisca Rice 321 (CH), 258 (CH); Robert Handel 208b (CH), 81t (CH).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Stina Soderling made some comments concerning the sick and shut-ins and read the following list of names: Kevin Powell, Mike Hinton, LaVerne Hinton, Vicki Cook, Leon Ballinger, Krsangi Dove, Wanda Capps, and Billy Thompson. She then led 509b (CH).

Tammy Powell made some comments concerning the deceased and read the following list of names: James Jones—Texas; Buell Cobb—Alabama; Preston Obeiden—California; Recent burials at Pine Grove Cemetery—Mary Choate Howeth, Annie Ruth Propes. She then led 76b (CH). The memorial lesson closed with prayer by Ivy Hauser-Hall.

Leaders: Danny Creel 54 (CH), 354 (CH); Ivy Hauser-Hall 374 (CH), 36t (CH); Henry McGuire 50 (CH), 155 (CH); Janie Short 142 (CH), 184 (CH). Chris Nicholson offered the prayer for the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Leaders: Emily Brown 14 (CH); Cindy Tanner 322 (CH), 168b (CH); Valerie Gatewood 221t (CH), 167b (CH); Brooke Robb 372 (CH), 203 (CH); Stina Soderling 244b (CH), 74 (CH); Joseph Sherer 165 (CH), 289 (CH); Kristie Powell 548 (CH), 268 (CH); Chris Nicholson 67b (CH), 111b (CH); Joan Smith and Danny Creel 111t (CH); Joan Smith and Emily Brown 341 (CH); Tammy Powell 172 (CH), 170 (CH); Robert Vaughn 105b (CH), 81b (CH). Announcements were made.

Leaders: Ken Tate 320 (CH), 462t (CH); Jane Cannon 8 (CH).

Emily Brown led 129 (CH) for the closing song. Elder Robert Vaughn offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Emily Brown; Vice Chairman—Tristan Gordon; Secretary—Gaylon Powell

## ALEWINE, LAMINACK, AND STEPHEN MCELROY MEMORIAL

**St. Michael Lutheran Church, Cleburne County, Alabama**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

The annual Alewine-Laminack-Stephen McElroy Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the fourth Sunday in April at St. Michael Lutheran Church north of Muscadine, Alabama. Cecil Roberts called the class to order leading 59. Cecil Roberts offered the morning prayer and welcomed the singers and visitors to the singing.

Leaders: Cecil Roberts 49b; Oscar McGuire 34b, 129; Judy Chambliss 475; Winfred Kerr 515, 516; Barbara Brooks 119, 303; Robert Chambliss 317, 84; Daniel Williams 417, 149; Karen Rollins 49t, 87; Samuel Williams 354t, 569t; Abigail Cannon 89, 284; Nathan Rees 285b, 134; Isaac Green 381, 295.

## RECESS

Cecil Roberts brought the class back to order leading 229 (in memory of Stephen McElroy and Olivia Iverson). Winfred Kerr led 225t and 565. At a short business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Judy Chambliss. Leaders: Daniel Williams 145b, 65; Abigail Cannon 67, 345b; Nathan Rees 100, 176b; Karen Rollins 213b, 35; Robert Chambliss 31b, 33b; Cecil Roberts 76b (in memory of Stanly Edwards), Samuel Williams 30b, 399b; Oscar McGuire 441, 485; Isaac Green 105, 53; Barbara Brooks 101b, 58; Nathan Rees 294; Daniel Williams 358.

## LUNCH

Oscar McGuire brought the class back to order leading 452. Leaders: Karen Rollins 448b; Robert Chambliss 163b; Cecil Roberts 37b; Barbara Brooks 159; Samuel

Williams 332; Isaac Green 69b; Abigail Cannon 400; Daniel Williams 41; Winfred Kerr 146; Oscar McGuire 276.

After announcements, Cecil Roberts and Oscar McGuire led 138b as the closing song. Barbara Brooks offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Vice Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Secretary—Judy Chambliss

### **FRIENDSHIP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING**

**Haleyville, Alabama**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

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 82t. 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; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson; Arranging Committee—Lisa Geist. Leaders: Butch White 287, 547; Roma Rice 163b, 162; Jeff James 146, 86; Paul Godsey 58, 168; Rebekah Gilmore 101t, 276; David Jackson 99, 37b; Louise Yeager 36b, 112.

#### **RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Butch White leading 84. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 217, 138t; Loretta Whitman 81t, 343; Joan Smith and Emily Channel 159, 45t; Mike Hankins 59, 527; Philip Gilmore 47b, 216; Theresa Westmoreland 171; Doug Cantrell 235, 354b; Emily Channel 457, 63; Larry Ballinger 224, 215. Philip Gilmore offered the blessing on the noon meal.

#### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Zena Tucker leading 47t. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 76b, 477 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Lisa Geist 472, 273, 528; Nicholas Thompson 192; Paul Godsey and Bobby Godsey 323b; Zena Tucker and Nicole Tucker 285t; Loretta Whitman 72b; Rebekah Gilmore 411; Theresa Westmoreland 299; Philip Gilmore 300; Jeff James 277; Larry Ballinger 234 (in memory of Josie Hyde); Roma Rice and Paul Godsey 294; Margaret Keeton 432. Announcements were made.

Zena Tucker and Butch White led 178 as the closing song. Philip Gilmore offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Zena Tucker; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

### **HUNTSVILLE SACRED HARP SINGING**

**Burritt On The Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama**

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

The annual Huntsville Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Old Country Church, Burritt on the Mountain, Huntsville, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Sunday in May.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle. She read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Nate Green, Darrell Parker, Earnestine Parker, Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Nora Parker, Wanda Capps, Jesse Roberts, and Joyce Walton.

Judy read the following list of names of the deceased: Buell Cobb, Ozella Blackmon, Earl Ballinger, Henry Guthery, Julia Poston, Chris Shepherd, Pauline Oliver, Malik Williams—Alabama; Beverly Rollins Thompson and Susan Morgan—Georgia; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin; Chloe Webb—Texas; Susan Fethco—California; Sarah Harwell—Tennessee; John Smead—Missouri; Bernard Collard and Michael Kennedy—United Kingdom.

Judy spoke about the memorial lesson stating that it is a time to reflect and remember. There are many songs in the Sacred Harp that speak of death and dying ("Passing Away", "When I Am Gone", "World Unknown"). Singing these songs brings mortality into light and serves as a reminder that time on earth is fleeting and full of trials. But there are other songs in the Sacred Harp that speak of hope ("The Better Land", "Heaven's My Home", "Peace and Joy"). Judy led 499, and Charles McCravy closed the memorial service with prayer.  
Submitted by Minutes Book Editor—Judy Caudle

**PORLAND SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon**  
**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

The Portland Sacred Harp Singing, the first day of Portland's Double All-Day Singing weekend, was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Thom Fahrbach and Tamara Wallace leading 171. Pippa Stoddard offered the morning prayer. Tamara Wallace welcomed the class and made a land acknowledgement to recognize the Indigenous Peoples who have tended these lands since time immemorial.

A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Tamara Wallace; Treasurer—Mischa Skeeter; Secretary—Nancy Novotny.

Leaders: Nancy Novotny 32b; Kate-Laurel Agnew and Ruth Linehan 72b; Ruth Linehan 399b; Steve Tarr 548; Nell Whitman 324; Dan Thoma 457; Dorothy Mitchell 466; Doug Hill 177; Kate Fine and Julie Thoma 47b (in memory of Buell Cobb); Jon Rand 378b; Betsy Jeronen 225t; Dorothy Robinson 26; Jamie Dawson 196; Carrie Walker 31t; Steve Cackley 321.

**RECESS**

Kevin Barrans led 82t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Bob Schinske 411; Pat Coghlan 214; Erdmute Reusch-Seydel and Caro Stamm-Reusch 163b; Jenna Tompkins 454; Paul Chamberlain 527; Karen Willard 313b (in memory of Buell Cobb); Sarah Ng 481; Peter Schinske 472; Jess Raddatz and Thom Fahrbach 354t; Carolyn Deacy 485; Peter Abrahamsen 86; David Wright 397; Mischa Skeeter 441; Laura McMurray 317; Dave Barber 406.

**RECESS**

Nancy Novotny led 128 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mark Godfrey 480; Kate Coxon 430; Edouard Beaudry 38b; Linda Selph 456; Thom Fahrbach 203; Maggie Luthin 178; Leah Coffin 44; Mark Miller 368; Jenny Solheim 536; Bradley Knoke 284; Dami Osoba 447; Pippa Stoddard 316; Jeff McLeod 104; Leigh Cooper 288; Elizabeth Poss 500. Pippa Stoddard offered the noon blessing.

**LUNCH**

Bradley Knoke led 134 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Tristan Gordon 426b; Sam Thomas 455; Stacey Berkheimer 84 (in memory of Johanna Fabke); Gabriel Kyne 434; David Brodeur 532; Stephanie Fida 498; Evelyn Lamb and David Wright 245; Gillian Inksetter 560; Hayden Arp 269; Caro Stamm-Reusch 528; Rosie Sokolov 337; Joel Rosen 315; John Wiens 272; Esther Morgan-Ellis 534; Julius Pasay 419; Andy Ditzler 377; Ivy Hauser-Hall 361; Mitchell Gustin 347.

**RECESS**

David Wright led 63 to bring the class back together. Leaders: David Schmitt 270; Idy Kiser and Gillian Inksetter 318 (in memory of Reed Schilbach); Jon Giles 52b; Kevin Barrans 68b; Paul Landskroener 232; Wren Hyde 42; Anton Popov 209; Tristan Gordon 83b; Tamara Wallace 77t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 67; Caro Stamm-Reusch 556; Gabriel Kyne 202; Ivy Hauser-Hall 201; Gillian Inksetter 336; Hayden Arp 140; Rosie Sokolov 227; Mitchell Gustin 309; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 109.

The business meeting was reopened to hear reports from officers and committees. Nancy Novotny, as Secretary, reported that seventy-three singers from fourteen states, two Canadian provinces, and Germany led eighty-seven songs. Mischa Skeeter, as Treasurer, reported on the progress made toward meeting expenses for the weekend. The following were acknowledged for their roles in helping to ensure a successful singing: Arranging Committee—Carolyn Deacy, Betsy Jeronen, Bob Schinske, and Thom Fahrbach; Kitchen Coordinator—Jamie Dawson; Registration—Nell Whitman.

Following announcements, Tamara Wallace led 36b as the closing song. Pippa Stoddard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chairperson—Tamara Wallace; Secretary—Nancy Novotny

**KEETON CEMETERY SINGING**  
**Shady Grove Church, Nauvoo, Alabama**  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

The annual Sacred Harp singing at Keeton Cemetery was held on the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 144. Philip Gilmore offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Glen Keeton 32t; Butch White 547, 503; Linda Booth 110, 148; Mike Hankins 34b, 527; Ricky Beasley 74b, 68b; Rebekah Gilmore 33b, 276; Laurie Keeton 354t, 354b; Chris Ballinger 339, 546; Joseph Gilmore 45t, 569b.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Glenn Keeton leading 270. Leaders: Roma Rice 460, 287; Doug Cantrell 235, 400; Justin Keeton 454, 455; Louise Yeager 426b, 480; Joey Clingan 87, 227; Philip Gilmore 318, 371. Butch White offered the blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 496. Leaders: Tina Beasley 40, 63; Tom Booth 129, 475; Becky Briggs 382, 530; Bridge Kennedy 37b, 138t; Isabella Keeton, Matthew Keeton, and Glenn Keeton 30t, 108t; Bunk Beasley 72b, 81t; Gwen Cornelius 358, 490; Larry Ballinger 389, 391; Marlin Beasley 282, 61; Amber Davis 142, 224; Lena Keeton, Gwen Cornelius, Linda Christian, and Glenn Keeton 497, 64; Lisa Geist 492, 528, 228; Faye Donaldson 432.

Announcement were made.

Glenn Keeton led 267 as the closing song, and then offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Secretary—Lisa Geist

**PORTLAND CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING**  
**Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon**  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

The Portland *Christian Harmony* Singing, the second day of Portland's Double All-Day Singing weekend, was held on the first Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Betsy Jeronen and Dorothy Mitchell leading 61t (CH). All song selections were from the *Christian Harmony* (CH). David Schmitt offered the morning prayer. A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chairperson—Dorothy Mitchell; Treasurer—Mischa Skeeter; Secretary—Nancy Novotny.

Leaders: Mischa Skeeter 205; Laura McMurray 432b; Nancy Novotny 419t; Thom Fahrbach 247; Carolyn Deacy 52; Doug Hill 316; Steve Tarr 356; Carrie Walker 64; Tamara Wallace 16; Jamie Dawson 269b; Paul Chamberlain 20.

**RECESS**

Leah Coffin led 81t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Kate Fine 142; Pat Coghlan 546b; Ruth Linehan 322; Steve Cackley 19; Betsy Jeronen 355; Rosie

Sokolov 63t; John Berendzen 76b; Jenna Tompkins 309; Nell Whitman 261t; Linda Selpf 131; David Wright 54; Karen Willard 82b; Mark Godfrey 103; Stacey Berkheimer 289.

#### RECESS

David Brodeur led 326 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Dorothy Robinson 268; Dami Osoba 203; Hayden Arp 38; Stephanie Fida 537; Peter Schinske 10; Pippa Stoddard 258; Mischa Skeeter 456b; Dave Barber 172; Bob Schinske 168b; Leigh Cooper 192; Sarah Ng 77; Jeff McLeod 281b; Bradley Knoke 312; Gillian Inksetter 1. David Schmitt offered the noon prayer.

#### LUNCH

Jon Giles led 493b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 91; Ivy Hauser-Hall 149; Caro Stamm-Reusch 13; David Schmitt 184; Tristan Gordon 105t; Leah Coffin 282; David Brodeur 320; Gabriel Kyne 533; Wren Hyde 163t; Hayden Arp 139; Jenny Solheim 155; Evelyn Lamb 138; Mitchell Gustin 209; Sam Thomas 372.

#### RECESS

Mark Godfrey led 207b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Edouard Beaudry 144t; Andy Ditzler 74; Paul Landskroener 132; Julius Pasay 68; Dorothy Mitchell 107; Kevin Barrans 241; John Wiens 170; Daniel Braithwaite 286; Gillian Inksetter 180; Caro Stamm-Reusch 260t; Stacey Berkheimer 300; David Brodeur 171; Gabriel Kyne 292; Esther Morgan-Ellis 63b; Andy Ditzler 490.

The business meeting was reopened to hear reports from officers and committees. Nancy Novotny, as Secretary, reported that sixty-one singers from fourteen states, two Canadian provinces, and Germany led seventy-four songs. Mischa Skeeter and Gin McCollum gave the Treasurer's report and thanked the singers for their generosity, noting that the weekend's expenses had been met.

The Resolutions Committee (Julius Pasay and Bradley Knoke) thanked the officers and committee members for helping to ensure a successful singing and resolved to meet again next year on the first Sunday in May. Among those acknowledged for their roles were: Arranging Committee—Thom Fahrbach, Kate Fine, Stephanie Fida, and Nancy Novotny; Kitchen Coordinator—Ruth Linehan; Registration—Nell Whitman.

Following announcements, Dorothy Mitchell led 67b as the closing song. David Schmitt offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Dorothy Mitchell; Secretary—Nancy Novotny

## BOSTON SINGING

### First Church in Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts

#### Saturday, May 10, 2025

The annual Boston All-Day Singing from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Margaret Hughes leading 81t. Owen Stoddard offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Owen Stoddard 106; Christina Foley 101t; Ron Trial 46; Anne Kazlauskas 65 (in memory of Buell Cobb); Erin Fulton 70b; Sylvia Martin 546; Dennis O'Brien 214; Elizabeth Stoddard 36b; Will Herron 155; Mel Novner 318; Mike Richards 198; Jeremy Galvagni 28b; Ru Perry-Mize 159; Linda Shea 56b; Madeline Endres 39t; Micah John Walter 183; Colleen Hayes and Ari Sanchez 207.

#### RECESS

Bill Holt called the class together by leading 47t. Leaders: Laura Borrelli 77t; Lyra O'Brien 440; Charles Biada 476; Laura Hodges 362; Tim Gregg 91; Lily Hammond 328; Christopher Kain 381; Robert Stoddard 269; Jocelyn Kurtze 217; Christian Hague and Theo Hague 339; Michaela Natal 294; R. Anuhea Sebstad 196; Ashe

Lehman 341; Liam Francis 95; Joan Frankel 284; John Hughes 112; Kate Bergren 548.

**RECESS**

Melissa DeJesus led 30b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Sage Chase-Dempsey 37b; Mary Ganter 479; Kerry Cullinan 313b; Chris Geissler 68b; Magdalena Zapedowska 300; Elias Anderson Bunt 117; Allison Steele 345b; Gwen Gethner 360; Eric Sandberg 430; Ryan Courtney 171; Linda Shea 460; Colleen Hayes 448b; Mike Richards 436; Mel Novner 500; Christian Hague and Theo Hague 348b; Ru Perry-Mize 86; Sylvia Martin 31t. Ru Perry-Mize offered the blessing before lunch.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Chris Geissler leading 48t. Leaders: Erin Fulton 225t; Kerry Cullinan 29t; Elizabeth Stoddard 103; Micah John Walter and Hannah Therese Desrosiers 42; Allison Steele 216; Magdalena Zapedowska 215; Sage Chase-Dempsey 102; Anne Kazlauskas 118; Jocelyn Kurtze 131b; Will Herron 384; Tim Gregg 69b (in memory of Buell Cobb); John Hughes 189; Laura Hodges 50t; Michaela Natal 345t; Dennis O'Brien 454; Lily Hammond 299; Charles Biada 208; Kate Bergren 411; Jeremy Galvagni 313t; Madeline Endres 82t.

**RECESS**

Laura Borrelli called the class together by leading 37b. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 426b; R. Anuhea Sebstad 276; Judah Dale and Magdalena Zapedowska 282; Lyra O'Brien 505; Gwen Gethner 378t; Christopher Kain 471; Eric Sandberg 272; Christina Foley 270; Bill Holt 142; Joan Frankel 168; Elias Anderson Bunt 71; Mary Ganter 354b; Ryan Courtney 542.

Treasurer, Chris Geissler reported that expenses were met. Secretary, Ron Trial reported that eight-nine singers from twelve states had gathered, forty-seven leaders led the singing of eighty-nine songs. The Resolutions Committee, Elizabeth Stoddard and Scott Oglesby resolved to thank God for the many blessings of the day, all of the officers and committee chairs and those who made the singing possible, appreciation to First Church for hosting our gathering and to everyone who joined in the singing, and resolved to meet again next year. Announcements were made. Margaret Hughes, Owen Stoddard, and Ron Trial led 62 as the closing song. Erin Fulton offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Margaret Hughes; Vice Chairperson—Owen Stoddard; Secretary—Ron Trial

**MID-MICHIGAN SINGING**  
**Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan**  
**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

The annual Mid-Michigan singing was held at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos, Michigan, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Marian Mitchell welcomed the class and brought it to order by leading 46. Will Fitzgerald offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bob Borcherding 28b; Anne Missavage 171; Nancy Spates 472; Cecelia Kramer 47b; Bess Fitzgerald 540; Hannah Resnick 117; Elizabeth Geaslin 426b; Will Fitzgerald 411; Grey Rose Grant 288; Linda Heemskirk 70b; Martha Beverly 530; Idy Kiser 313b (in memory of Buell Cobb); Samuel Sommers 380; Ginny Landgraf 372; Erik Schwab 32b; Beth Todd 32t; Marian Mitchell 464; Bob Borcherding 507 (in memory of Darrell Swarens); Anne Missavage 49t.

**RECESS**

Hannah Resnick called the class back to order leading 108b. Leaders: Nancy Spates 99; Bess Fitzgerald 105; Cecelia Kramer 444; Hannah Resnick 122 (in memory of Johanna Papter); Elizabeth Geaslin 277; Will Fitzgerald 299; Grey Rose Grant 148;

Linda Heemskirk 107; Martha Beverly 383; Idy Kiser 479; Samuel Sommers 397; Ginny Landgraf 298; Erik Schwab 318; Beth Todd 218; Marian Mitchell 410t; Cecelia Kramer 159; Bob Borcherding 362; Anne Missavage 186; Nancy Spates 47t; Bess Fitzgerald 542; Cecelia Kramer 71; Hannah Resnick 269; Elizabeth Geaslin 436. Will Fitzgerald asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Beth Todd called the class back to order leading 501. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 242; Grey Rose Grant 198; Martha Beverly 348t; Samuel Sommers 386; Ginny Landgraf 547; Erik Schwab 486; Beth Todd 250; David Stowe 178; Marian Mitchell 532; Bob Borcherding 459; Anne Missavage 350; Nancy Spates 39t; Bess Fitzgerald 34t; Cecelia Kramer 157; Hannah Resnick 42; Elizabeth Geaslin 142; Will Fitzgerald 425.

#### RECESS

Will Fitzgerald called the class back to order leading 48b. Leaders: Grey Rose Grant 163b; Martha Beverly 210; Samuel Sommers 502; Ginny Landgraf 415; Erik Schwab 131b; Beth Todd 284; David Stowe 268; Ginny Landgraf 447; Samuel Sommers 184; Beth Todd 373; Erik Schwab 528; Elizabeth Geaslin 137; Martha Beverly 384; Will Fitzgerald 93; Grey Rose Grant 84.

Announcements were made and thanks offered to the people who made the day a success. Marian Mitchell led 347 as the closing song. Will Fitzgerald dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Marian Mitchell; Secretary—Cecelia Kramer

### **PUMPKINTOWN SINGING Pickens, South Carolina Saturday, May 10, 2025**

The 4th session of the singing at Pumpkintown (formerly held at Furman University) was held at Oolenoy Community Center, Pickens, South Carolina, on Saturday before the second Sunday in May. Song selections were from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 edition, and *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition.

Frances Carnell brought the class to order by leading 32t. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Frances Carnell 376; Dave Farmer 191; Mary Baumeister 92; Brian Boris 30t; Rob Kelley 342; Eric Carnell 89; John Plunkett 391; Emma Parrish 324; Dan Huger 569b; Judy Mincey 311; Jonathan Wood 245; Liz Patton 297; Phil Perrin 354b; Barbara Brooks 417; Tom Ivey 485; Jane Cannon 235; Jacob Lindler 421; Sharon Strong 240.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Frances Carnell 398 (CH); Dave Farmer 25t (CH); Mary Baumeister 472t (CH); Brian Boris 85 (CH); Rob Kelley 220 (CH); John Plunkett 462t (CH); Emma Parrish 170 (CH); Dan Huger 49 (CH) (in memory of "Miss Jean" Tankersley Osteen Gaston who started the Furman Singing); Judy Mincey and Diane Eskenasy 431 (CH); Jonathan Wood 502 (CH); Liz Patton 189 (CH); Phil Perrin 184 (CH); Tom Ivey 546b (CH); Bill Hogan 50 (CH). Chris Carnell offered the blessing before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Dave Farmer 360 (CH); Jane Cannon 205 (CH); Jacob Lindler 484 (CH); Sharon Strong 278 (CH); Jeremiah Ledbetter and Caleb Ledbetter 162 (CH); Mike Spencer 495 (CH); Chris Berg 507t (CH); Eli Snyder 292 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 465b (CH); Eric Carnell 221b (CH); Arwen Declan 185 (CH); Bill Hogan and Avery Blatt 158 (CH) (in memory of Scott Swanton); Nancy Hogan 81t (CH); Liz Patton 54 (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.

## RECESS

Leaders: Frances Carnell 448t; Jeremiah Ledbetter, Lily Ledbetter, and Caleb Ledbetter 463; Mike Spencer 467; Sarah Carnell and Rebekah Carnell 480; MaryGrace Carnell 277; Chris Carnell 430; Caleb Carnell, Gloria Carnell, and Rebekah Carnell 59; Eli Snyder 328; Leslie Booher 178; Arwen Declan 268; Bill Hogan 189; Chris Wilhelm 308; Liz Patton 373; Gloria Carnell, Chris Wilhelm, and Rebekah Carnell 146; Larry Hall 171; Frances Carnell 143 (in honor of ten years). Announcements were made.

Frances Carnell led 347 as the closing song. Eric Carnell offered 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 17, 2025

The 43rd annual Kentucky State Sacred Harp Singing, which is hosted by the Appalachian Association of Sacred Harp Singers (AASHS) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ron Pen, who also offered prayer. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition and *The Southern Harmony*.

Leaders: Ron Pen 73b; Nicholas Thompson 112; Levi Trumbore 186; Randy Webber 322 (SoH); Mary Brinkman 178; Don Waggener 58; Peter Trumbore 300; Inga Buckland 319; Adrian Eldridge 400; Derek Buckland 348t; Amy Pemberton 59; Tim Morton 101t; Fr Philaret Farley 455; Judy Taylor 457; Tom Morton 49b; Greg Creech 33b; Bill McNiece 70t; Ray Rechenberg 40; Darrell Lahm 551.

## RECESS

The session was reconvened by Ron Pen. Leaders: Barbara Lehr 448t; Donna Kwon 547; Tom George 311; Sarah George 373; Tim Gregg 59 (SoH); Alana Boltz 504; Joy Dunn 84; Laura Lee Earles 569b; Rachael Geary 318; Alex Forsyth 460; Dariya Simpkins 16 (SoH); Charles Coulston 344; Ron Pen 146.

## RECESS

The class was brought together by Randy Webber. He explained how the memorial lesson works and what it included, then asked if there were any names that should be added to the sick and shut-ins list. Amy Pemberton led 159 in honor of her father, Robert Pemberton. Her mother also lost power during the recent storms (her mother is his primary caretaker.) Ray Rechenberg led 285t in honor of Ed Walton, a singer from the Cincinnati group. He told us about the shape note singings they attended together, and how Ed had had a stroke while driving back from San Antonio and had run into a pole. Don Waggener led 196 in honor of his brother, Tom Waggener, who sang in the Benton singing for over seventy years. Tom had Parkinson's and was described as fading.

Derek Buckland started the memorial list by leading 267 in memory of Rob Mahoney. Mahoney was a surveyor and shape note singer who Buckland knew in London, known for his kindness and high professional standards. Buckland stated that he (Mahoney) was a strong Methodist and would sometimes quote John Wesley as saying "Live every day as if the last." Nicholas Thompson led 439 in memory of Earl Ballinger, who was a singer in the Alabama group. He recounted driving fourteen hours with Ballinger to get to the Texas State Singing in San Antonio and mentioned that Ballinger was married to his late wife for fifty years. Inga Buckland requested memorializing Buell Cobb. Don Waggener memorialized Evelyn Kemper, a friend of his wife who attended school with her, by singing 58.

Randy memorialized Buell Cobb, who he met at the National Convention in Alabama. He recounted how they met at a large disciples church, and that the National Convention was a very expensive endeavor. Cobb managed the money for

the convention in a personal but separate account. After the National Convention ended, he gave the money back to the organization. Cobb died this past April 26th, and Webber stated that he was a talented singer who wrote two books on shape note singing. Several people from the Alabama group said that he was also known as "Bugle Cobb" because of his treble voice. He later became a bass. Ron Pen discussed the importance of Cobb's two books on shape note, one of which was *Like Cords Around My Heart*, an oral history of shape note singing. Laura Lee Earles mentioned Cobb's kindness and welcoming nature. Alana Boltz said that Cobb wrote one of the books she cited in the college research paper that was her first introduction to shape note singing. The class sang 313b (Cobb) in memory of Buell. Randy Webber gave some concluding thoughts, including discussing black funeral traditions and the idea of having a repast where one could consider the next steps after the estate planning. He also quoted a non-shape note song by A.P. Carter and concluded by leading 236. Fr Farley offered the blessing before lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Tim Gregg. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 148; Michele Cull 515 (in honor of her mother, who was in memory care); Amy Pemberton 117; Alana Boltz 135; Levi Trumbore 82t; Don Waggener 183; Leesa Eason 45t; Joy Dunn 543; Tim Binkley 133; Fr Philaret Farley 209; Bill McNiece 163b; Tim Morton 181 (in honor of his father, who will be eighty years old in August); Judy Taylor 312b; Randy Webber 19t (SoH); Tom Morton 496; Inga Buckland 544; Greg Creech 74b; Dariya Simpkins 39t (SoH); Derek Buckland 341; Peter Trumbore 76b. Announcements were made.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 550; Barbara Lehr 270; Darrell Lahm 354b; Rachael Geary 271t; Tom George 416; Alex Forsyth 326; Sarah George 428; Nicholas Thompson 411; Tim Morton 69b.

Ron Pen led 267 as the singers shared the parting hand. Randy Webber gave the closing prayer at 2:35 p.m.

Chairman—Ron Pen; Secretary—Alana Boltz

## **PROVIDENCE SINGING Cullman County, Alabama Saturday, May 17, 2025**

The annual Providence Sacred Harp Singing was held at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church at Providence on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Christopher Mann leading 566. 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—Tom Booth; Secretary and Arranging—Amber Mann.

Leaders: Christopher Mann 61; Tom Booth 565, 344; Sonya Sipe 39b, 77t; Butch White 313b, 86; Roma Rice 323b, 294; Hazel Heinze 489, 147t; Marlin Beasley 31t, 31b; Cindy Mann 146, 159; Bridge Hill Kennedy 32t, 37b; Amber Mann 209, 127.

#### RECESS

Anna Grace Sipe led 503 and 76b to bring the class together. Leaders: Susan Allred 65, 384; Delone Cobbs 467, 457; Judy Caudle 425 (in memory of Buell Cobb), 460; Mary Holcombe 122 (in memory of Carol Fannin), 101t; Christopher Mann 47t (requested in memory of Carol Fannin); Butch White 547; Christopher Mann 143. Marlin Beasley offered a word of prayer before the afternoon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Christopher Mann leading 52t. Christopher was joined by the rest of the family (Amber Mann, Cindy Mann, Delone Cobbs, Sonya

Sipe, and Anna Grace Sipe) to lead 47b (in honor of Judy Cobbs). Leaders: Dylan Feezell 92, 93; Nicole Scott 114, 111t; Anna Grace Sipe 142, 49b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 89; Mary Holcombe 129, 176b; Sonya Sipe 36b; Delone Cobbs 354t; Sonya Sipe and Delone Cobbs 208, 480; Cindy Mann 274t, 354b; Judy Caudle 434; Marlin Beasley 204, 318; Hazel Heinze 43, 347; Susan Allred, Mary Holcombe, and Laura Hale 390 (in memory of Kenneth and Carol Fannin); Nicole Scott 426b, 475; Dylan Feezell 435. Christopher Mann 48t. Announcements were made.

Christopher Mann led 59 as the closing song. Mike Rodgers dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Amber Mann

### **SPRING SPRANG SPRUNK SINGING**

**Baby's Place, Atlanta, Georgia**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

Atlanta singers gathered at 1:00 p.m. to open the Spring Sprang Sprunk festival of spontaneous music at the musical venue Baby's Place in southeast Atlanta, Georgia. Festival director Duffy gave a brief introduction to Sacred Harp for new singers, and led the song on page 39t. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 101t; Shawn Taylor 102; Jim Neal 146; James Burrell 187; David Brodeur and Majid Araim 209; Lilith Smith and Andy Ditzler 273; Shawn Taylor 282; Lilith Smith 299; Andy Ditzler 300; Duffy 318; David Brodeur and Majid Araim 384; Duffy 178. Announcements were taken, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Duffy; Secretary—Andy Ditzler

### **TULSA SINGING**

**Parish Church of Saint Jerome, Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

The first Tulsa All-Day Singing met at the Parish Church of Saint Jerome on Saturday before the third Sunday in May. The singing began with a singing school taught by Tristan Gordon of Denton, Texas.

#### **RECESS**

Tristan Gordon called the class back together by leading 33b. Leaders: Ellen Ray 162, 68b; Syd Caldwell 72b, 101t; Allison Langston 276, 49b; McKenna Mullins 31t, 480; Cory Winters 159, 36b; Lisa Leming 155, 106. Syd Caldwell asked a blessing before the meal.

#### **LUNCH**

Ellen Ray began the afternoon session by leading 148. Leaders: Allison Langston 29t, 313b; Kay Weidner 47b; Syd Caldwell 383 (in memory of Ludie Lambert and Rosa Hughes), 275b; McKenna Mullins and Connie Swan 353, 547; Cory Winters 112, 300; Tristan Gordon 274t, 99; Lisa Leming 61, 318; Ellen Ray 186, 178.

#### **RECESS**

Alliston Langston led 448b and 268. Leaders: Syd Caldwell 212, 189 (for Bill Caldwell and Betty Christel); McKenna Mullis 497, 472; Cory Winters 176b, 59; Lisa Leming 168, 504; Allison Langston 56b; Syd Caldwell 496 (for Anita Buswell and in memory of Johanna Fabke); McKenna Mullis 142; Cory Winters 107; Tristan Gordon 487; Lisa Leming 77t. Syd Caldwell gave the Secretary's report stating that twenty-seven leaders representing three states led forty-seven songs. Announcements were made.

Ellen Ray led 323t as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Syd Caldwell.

Chair—Ellen Ray; Secretary—Syd Caldwell

## **CANE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Heflin, Cleburne County, Alabama**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

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. Bert Collins offered the morning prayer. Glenda Collins welcomed the visitors and singers to the singing and led 101t. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 100, 225t; Judy Chambliss 82t, 63; Bert Collins 300, 542; Robert Chambliss 154, 503; Shawn Taylor 311, 425; David Smead 69t, 69b (both songs in memory of Buell Cobb); Bill DuPre 31t, 30b; Isaac Green 60, 493 (both songs in memory of B.M. Smith); Lisa Bennett 68b, 75; Cecil Roberts 37b, 512; Creasy Cook 401; Abigail Cannon 341, 317.

**RECESS**

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 76b and 146. In a business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman—Glenda Collins; Vice Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Secretary—Judy Chambliss.

Leaders: Fallon Cook 454 (in memory of her mother, Virginia Dyer); Barbara Brooks 417 (in memory of Phil Perrin), 119; Philip Gilmore 47b, 73t; Joyce Morton 72b, 36b; Rebekah Gilmore 290, 276; David Brodeur 402, 400; Shane Brown 63, 373.

Shane Brown gave the memorial lesson talking about people who live a respectful life will be remembered while people who live a wicked life are soon forgotten, he led 445 in memory of the deceased. Shane Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Isaac Green and Cain Cook 155 (in memory of Virginia Dyer); John Plunkett 457, 231; Bill DuPre 176b, 65 (in honor of Terry Wootten); Lisa Bennett 285t, 318; Joyce Morton 47t; David Brodeur 404; Judy Chambliss 222; Fallon Cook 358. Charlie Norton gave an update of the church and cemetery and thanked the singers for coming each year to Cane Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

**LUNCH**

Glenda Collins brought the class back to order leading 192. Leaders: David Smead and Lisa Bennett 254; John Plunkett 160b; Winfred Kerr 517; Robert Chambliss 163b; Cecil Roberts 399b; Shawn Taylor 164; Abigail Cannon 70b; Philip Gilmore 56t; Rebekah Gilmore 349; Shane Brown 49b. Announcements were made.

Glenda Collins led 62 as the closing song. Cecil Roberts offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Glenda Collins; Vice Chairman—Winfred Kerr; Secretary—Judy Chambliss

## **LOUISVILLE FOLK SCHOOL SHAPE-NOTE SINGING SCHOOL**

**Woodbine Chamber, Louisville, Kentucky**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

The singing school, held in Louisville, Kentucky, at Chapel of St Philip and taught by Tom George was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Tim Morton. Dave Howard, Founder and Director of Louisville Folk school who sponsored the event welcomed all.

Tom George spoke about his personal history in shape note singing and talked of the tradition. He then referred to the Rudiments as found in *The Sacred Harp* book.

Examples of songs and group singing of tenor parts interspersed the day for examples of specific Rudiments.

**RECESS**

Tom continued with Rudiments and instructed on keeping time as well as some elements of voice leading, major and minor modes. He talked of the different types of songs in the book and suggested good times to lead them, how to engage people, and so on.

## LUNCH

Tom called upon his wife, Sarah, to demonstrate various aspects of song leading, working with front row tenors, body language, and gestures that suggest such things as repeats, fermatas, how to set a tempo, suggested tempos for some types of songs, and time signatures.

## RECESS

Leaders: Tim Morton 63; Inga Buckland 300; Kelly Toon 318; Mark Jones 87; Kathy Sweeten and Tim Morton 47b; Barrett Patton 131b; Sarah George and Peter Trumbore 448t; Barbara Lehr, Adrian Eldridge, and Leslie Clements 178; Nicholas Thompson 192; Thomas Koehnline 285t; Derek Buckland 56b; Michele Cull 29t; Alex Forsyth 276; Adrian Eldridge 277; Tim Morton and Ivy Jackson 445; Levi Trumbore and Sarah George 186; Inga Buckland 124; Shannon Tibbs 42; Emily Stutzman 376; Randy Webber 236; Barrett Patton and Alex Forsyth 101t; Joy Dunn and Tom George 543.

There were over sixty people in attendance from seven states and Germany. Fifty-two were paying registrants, all others were volunteers, guests, teachers, and assistants, as well as unregistered drop-ins to the open call singing session.

Tim Morton opened the floor to announcements, stating the relevance of traveling to enjoy and support other singings. Tim Morton led 146 as a closing song as requested by Leesa Eason. Three class attendees joined for the first time standing in the hollow square. The class was dismissed with prayer by Randy Webber.

Chairman—Tim Morton; Secretaries—Randy Webber and Tom Morton

## ROCKY MOUNT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING Daviston, Alabama Sunday, May 18, 2025

The annual Rocky Mount Primitive Baptist Church Homecoming Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in May. The class was called to order by Charlotte Bishop leading 145b. Elder Jonathon Blakeley offered the opening prayer. In a business meeting, a motion was made to retain the same officers as follows: Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Isabelle Green; Arranging—Jordan McGuire. The motion carried, and the business meeting was adjourned.

Leaders: Charlotte Bishop 35, 36b; Sharon Whitehead 565, 274t; Stanley Smith 61, 129; Lynda Fagan 31b, 31t; John T. Blakeley 30b, 146.

## RECESS

The class was brought back together by Charlotte Bishop leading 45t. Leaders: Isabelle Green 270, 569b; Jonathan Blakeley 81t, 47b; Lacey Blakeley 39t, 112; Ted Price 33b, 38b; Audrey Blakeley 335, 109; Eli Whitehead 288; Jordan McGuire 39b, 290; Douglas Hubbard 159, 72b; Charlotte Bishop 94, 268, 64.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Jordan McGuire leading 354b. Leaders: Lynda Fagan 127; Lacey Blakeley 388; Audrey Blakeley 143; Ted Price 28t; Stanley Smith 39t; Sharon Whitehead 229 (CB); Jordan Whitehead 480; Isabelle Green 448b; Douglas Hubbard 457; Jonathan Blakeley 176b; Lynda Fagan 560. Announcements were made.

Jordan McGuire led 56t as the closing song. Douglas Hubbard offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Charlotte Bishop; Secretary—Isabelle Green

**LOWCOUNTRY SACRED HARP SINGING**  
**Saint Philip's Church, Charleston, South Carolina**  
**Saturday, May 24, 2025**

The Lowcountry Sacred Harp met for its 13th annual singing in the parish hall of Saint Philip's Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, which happened to be the first weekend of the Spoleto Arts Festival. After a half-hour beginner's lesson by Tom Ivey, Stephen Jones offered a variation of the Chorister's Prayer. All song selections were from the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp*.

Leaders: Tom Ivey 48t; Gene Pinion 68b; Rob Dillon 313b; Darlene Moak 47b; Suzanne Coffman 59; Tom Ivey 376; Sharon Strong 52b; Stephen Jones 24t; Gene Pinion 40, 28t; Rob Dillon 47t, 49b; Darlene Moak 300, 186; Suzanne Coffman 178, 503; Tom Ivey 492. During this set Gene proposed and the class agreed by majority vote to choose two tunes for each leading.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Tom Ivey 87; Nancy 409; Sharon Strong 52t, 200; Stephen Jones 123b, 338; Gene Pinion 38b, 294; Rob Dillon 159, 99; Darlene Moak 278t, 122; Suzanne Coffman 354b, 474; Tom Ivey 302, 448b; Sharon Strong 524. Rob Dillon led the Moravian Blessing set to 49t.

**LUNCH**

Leaders: Stephen Jones 457, 242; Gene Pinion 324, 195; Allen Dugger 276, 277; Carson Brunson 159, 49t; Suzanne Coffman 30b, 34b; Sharon Strong 93, 567; Darlene Moak 89, 325; Tom Ivey 374, 566; Rob Dillon 63.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Rob Dillon 29b; Gene Pinion 348b, 345b; Allen Dugger 101t, 72b; Carson Brunson 156, 155; Suzanne Coffman 35, 147t; Stephen Jones 346, 146; Chris 254; Sharon Strong 284, 236; Darlene Moak 28b, 375; Tom Ivey 472; Allen Dugger 53. Stephen Jones offered the benediction.

Chairman—Stephen Jones; Vice Chairman—Rob Dillon; Secretary—Suzanne Coffman

**GERMANY SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**Bremen, Germany**

**May 24-25, 2025**

**Saturday, May 24**

The 10th annual Germany Convention was held in the building of the Anthroposophische Gesellschaft, Freiligrathstraße, Bremen, Germany, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May. The class was called to order by Fynn Titford-Mock leading 47t. Peter Kocher offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ulla Schlobohm 171; Corinna Peters 37b; Paul Kolenbrander 39t; Marcos Sullivan 272; Chloe Spreadborough 38t; Jaro Spörhase 268; Daniel Wippermann 278t; Elmar Wigand 82t; Walburga Ruhl 405; Jasmina Graf 332; Constantin Dorsch 123b; Victor Maria Diderich 163t; Nathan Bontrager 42; Ursula Diderich 148; David Marnuse 430.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Ulrike Tietjen leading 29t. Leaders: Johannes Sauer 390; Eleni Melis 300; Hauke Grünefeld 106; Johannes Kunst 142; Elze Hamilton 501; Luis Aue 56b; Baker Wardlaw 186; Juliet McFadden 284; Susanne Rolli 235; Sebastian Borckenhagen 38b; James Roche 556; Mara McPartland 528; Graham Ball 102; Sara Hellström 187; George Harvey 201; Melanie Tönnies 183.

**RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Harald Grundner leading 73t. Leaders: Werner Ullah 49t; Ellen Kennedy 338; James McNeill and Hauke Grünefeld 47b; Richard Ogden 472; Machna Nowak 497; Elisabeth Schallwig 228; Gerben Vos 182; Jasmina

Graf and Rike Fischer 68b; Petra Ertl 189; Ewa Lichnerowicz 475; Tina Cramer 89; Peter Kocher 377; Laura Eisen 103; Caro Stamm-Reusch 225t; Chris Geissler 500. Dominik Fraune offered the prayer before the lunchtime meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Dominik Fraune leading 74b. Leaders: Eloise Clarke 422; Kristofer Ilex 426t; Joshua Lant 517; Sheila Girling Macadam 564; Chris Noren and Hannah Land 534; Michael Walker 170; Esther Morgan-Ellis 198; John Bealle 543; Edwin Macadam 550; Fynn Titford-Mock 327; Lily Hammond 455; Hannah Land 532; Caro Stamm-Reusch 548; Chris Geissler 297; Peter Kocher 196; Laura Eisen 101b; Gerben Vos 40; Elisabeth Schallwig 411.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Anne Eringa leading 32t. Leaders: Chloe Spreadborough 372; Hyke Sakaras 551; Nathan Bontrager 59; Werner Ullah 448b; Johannes Sauer 344; Edwin Macadam and Sheila Macadam 236; Michael Walker 213t; Kristofer Ilex 83b; Esther Morgan-Ellis 313b; Lily Hammond 547; Joshua Lant 30b. Fynn Titford-Mock led 308 as the closing song. Mara McPartland offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

### Sunday, May 25

The Sunday session of the Germany Convention met again in the building of the Anthroposophische Gesellschaft, Bremen. The class was called to order by Fynn Titford-Mock leading 33b. Wail Qasim offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ulla Schlobohm 77b; Rike Fischer 74b; Jasmina Graf 181; Corinna Peters 277; James McNeill and Hauke Grünefeld 209; Rahel Hunter 89; Elmar Wigand 159; Melanie Tönnies 504; Victor Maria Diderich 38t; Paul Kolenbrander 299; George Harvey 538; Elisabeth Schallwig 176t; Walburga Ruhl 476; Daniel Wippermann 365; Hauke Grünefeld 282.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Corinna Peters leading 29t. Leaders: Ursula and Victor Maria Diderich 168; Graham Ball 376; Sebastian Borckenhagen 81t; Juliet McFadden 335; Kostas Mavreas 312b; Luis Aue 410t; Sara Hellström 224; Baker Wardlaw 114; Melanie Prescott and Jasmina Graf 56b; David Marnuse 448t; Ellen Kennedy 30t; Petra Ertl 110; Kristofer Ilex 406; Caro Stamm-Reusch 459; Tina Cramer 426b; Richard Ogden and Hannah Land 131b; Ewa Lichnerowicz 191.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Dominik Fraune leading 319. Leaders: Johannes Sauer 192; Magdalena Osthaus 121; Susanne Rolli 318; Machna Nowak 481; Werner Ullah 503; John Bealle 536; Laura Eisen 425; Fynn Titford-Mock 531. Caro Stamm-Reusch gave the lesson for the sick and housebound. The following names were read: Ulla Köster, Cäcilia Mann, Rojana Wings, Tobias Saalmann, Seth Dickens, Adam Barnes, Eddie Roche, Mike Lenine, Thomas Krebs, Dan Phemayotin, Eva Puhm. Caro led 313t in honor of the sick and housebound.

Graham Ball gave the memorial lesson for the deceased. The following list of names was read aloud: Buell Cobb, Volker Tietjen, Bernard Collard, Steve Biggs, Rob Mahoney, Chloe Webb, Jabbara Edwards, Reed Schilbach, Corrone Bryant, Ruthanne Bryant, Lorene Jackson, Lian Spaninks-Postelmans, Zareer Mabani, Peter Polish, Dinos Nearchoy, Peter Child, Dingo Dinkleman, Olive Gibson, Neill Thompson, Lothar Ruhl. Graham led 122 in memory of the deceased.

Leaders: Eloise Clarke 48t; Chris Noren 523; Michael Walker 131t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 377; Hannah Land 436. Gerben Vos offered the prayer before the lunchtime meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Ulrike Tietjen leading 108b. Leaders: Gerben Vos 383; Chris Geissler 280; John Bealle 34t; Ewa Lichnerowicz 180; Joshua Lant

424; Hannah Land 454; Michael Walker 460; Eloise Clarke 569t; Chris Noren 263; Machna Nowak 48b; Lily Hammond 53; Susanne Rolli 99; Richard Ogden and Chris Noren 49b; Rahel Hunter 162; Fynn Titford-Mock 396; Jasmina Graf 522; Tina Cramer 444.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Jasmina Graf leading 133. Leaders: Petra Ertl 426t; Kostas Mavreas 71; Sebastian May and Rike Fischer 29b; Walburga Ruhl 404; Melanie Tönnies 480; Hauke Grünefeld 457; Ursula Diderich 143; David Marmuse 210; Magdalena Osthaus 101b; Peter Kocher 35; Ellen Kennedy 101t; Sara Hellström 141; Juliet McFadden 28t; Dominik Fraune 445; Graham Ball 203; Corinna Peters 505.

Fynn Titford-Mock 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. Rike Fischer 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 ninety registered singers coming from eleven different countries, singing one hundred and sixty seven songs in total. The 11th Germany Convention will be held in 2026 in Berlin, Germany.

Fynn Titford-Mock and Petra Ertl led 521 as the closing song. Peter Kocher offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Fynn Titford-Mock; Vice Chair—Jasmina Graf; Secretary—Paul Kolenbrander

### MIDWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION

**Chicago, Illinois**

**May 24-25, 2025**

**Saturday, May 24**

The 40th Midwest Convention was held at St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday before the last Sunday in May. The Saturday session was called to order by Mary Rogel leading 77b. Will Fitzgerald offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Brady Santoro 37b; Jim Swanson 33b; Jim Helke 83t; Ginny Landgraf 82t; Carolyn Deacy 208 (for Kathy Williams); Paul Wyatt 420t (ShH); Cecelia Kramer 264b (ShH); Kathy Krug 81t; Anne Missavage 217; Liz Patton 443b (ShH); Bess Fitzgerald 32t; Eleanor Haase 454.

A business meeting was convened to elect the following officers: Chair—Brady Santoro; Vice Chair—Erik Schwab; Secretary—Mary Rogel.

#### RECESS

Brady Santoro called the class together leading 484. Leaders: Martha Beverly 140b (ShH); Scott Stieg 455; Derek Buckland 126; Charlotte Zelman 312b; Mike Mullin 361; Kerry Cullinan 195; Lisa Grayson 411; Gillian Inksetter 456; Erik Schwab 498; SK Swanson and Samantha Adioetomo 163t; Lucy O'Leary 546; Anne Heider 528; Rosemary Wexler 335; Myles Alexander 143; Inga Buckland 368; Karen Swenson 158b (ShH); Brad Baughman 128.

#### RECESS

Randy Neufeld called the class to order leading 36b. Leaders: Marian Mitchell 213b; Debra Barford 313b; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 425 (for Carol Steiner); Matthew Siefert 10 (ShH); Harkin Massopust 56b; Mary Rose O'Leary 203; Susan Geil 474; Erica Hsieh 183; Fred Wilkey 12b (ShH); Dave Barford 385b; Aubrey Hemminger 276; Dan Nickel 504; Rachel O'Leary 384; Mark Bowman 485; Samantha Adioetomo and Gillian Inksetter 162. Will Fitzgerald offered the prayer before lunch.

## LUNCH

Brady Santoro brought the class back to order leading 503. Leaders: Jim Swanson 69 (ShH); Marjorie Harrington, Becca Harrington, and Marian Mitchell 159; Jonathon Smith 428; Molly Whedbee 77t; Will Fitzgerald, Jessica Baker, Ally Bloom, and Teresa Turnage 47b; Hannah Resnick 122; Eileen Ferguson 472; Casey Doe 410t; Carolyn Deacy 112; Paul Wyatt 266 (ShH); Cecelia Kramer 444; Anne Missavage 242 (ShH); Liz Patton 186 (ShH); Eleanor Haase 422 (ShH); Martha Beverly 310 (ShH); Scott Stieg 50t.

## RECESS

Lisa Grayson called the class to order leading 29t. Leaders: Erik Schwab 162 (ShH); June Murphy 334; Ally Bloom 551; Joshua Velez 35; Derek Buckland 308; Charlotte Zelman 101t; Lucy O'Leary and Rachel O'Leary 550; Mike Mullin 58; Kerry Cullinan 105 (ShH); Inga Buckland 462; Dave Barford 137; Gillian Inksetter 404t (ShH); Aubrey Hemminger 547; Mary Rose O'Leary 510; Kathy Krug 48t; Karen Swenson 549; Fred Wilkey 49t; Myles Alexander 371; Marian Mitchell 178; Jonathon Smith 226 (ShH); Randy Neufeld 285t; Matthew Siefert 88t; Brady Santoro and Samantha Adioetomo 323t.

The class sang 347 as the closing song. Ginny Landgraf dismissed the class with prayer.

## Sunday, May 25

The Sunday session of the Midwest Convention was held at the Ethical Humanist Society, Skokie, Illinois. The class was called to order by Brady Santoro leading 489. The morning prayer was offered by Ginny Landgraf.

Leaders: Gillian Inksetter 63; Eileen Ferguson 501; Marjorie Harrington and Marian Mitchell 403 (ShH); Kerry Cullinan 70t; Derek Buckland 123b; Martha Beverly 171; Myles Alexander 546; Paul Wyatt 218b (ShH); Liz Patton 192; Marian Mitchell 185; Carolyn Deacy 168; Mark Bowen 344; Anne Missavage 39t; Anne Heider 236.

## RECESS

Jim Helke brought the class together leading 496. Leaders: Karen Swenson 398 (ShH); Erik Schwab 266; Inga Buckland 50b; Cecelia Kramer 71; Ginny Landgraf and Judy Hauff 384 (ShH); Eleanor Haase 221 (ShH); Mike Mullin 125; Becca Harrington 117; Terry Cunningham 200; Samantha Adioetomo 542; Rachel O'Leary and Lucy O'Leary 215; Micah Sommersmith 276; JoDell Albi 430; Mary Rose O'Leary 284 (in memory of Jeff Begley); Steve Warner 34b; Erin Campbell 457; Nina Kraus and Randy Neufeld 47b; Brad Baughman and Liz Patton 553; Aubrey Hemminger 107.

## RECESS

Brady Santoro reconvened the class leading 213t. Leaders: Lisa Grayson 364b (ShH); Susan Geil 413 (ShH); Paul Bird 181. Dave Barford gave the report from the Finance Committee.

Leaders: Kathy Krug 209; June Murphy 93; Jonathon Smith 214; Fred Wilkey 481; Judy Hauff 504; Debra Barford 198; Jim Swanson 285 (ShH). Ginny Landgraf offered prayer before lunch.

## LUNCH

Mary Rogel convened the class leading 125 (ShH). Leaders: Dave Barford 297; Randy Neufeld 99; Sidra Schkerke 300; Maeve Techmanski and Ginny Landgraf 318; Dimitri Glaros 183; Gillian Inksetter 327; Paul Wyatt 464; Kerry Cullinan 486; Derek Buckland 165; Marjorie Harrington and Randy Neufeld 48 (ShH); Martha Beverly 197 (ShH); Myles Alexander 538; Marian Mitchell 268; Carolyn Deacy 212; Mark Bowman 87; Anne Missavage 362; Karen Swenson 299.

Matthew Siefert spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins, leading 275t on behalf of Kathy Williams, Susie Kahlmeez, Carol Steiner, Rochelle Lodder, John Stevens,

Chris Brown, Judy Whiting, Penny Kujawinski, Lou Kujawinski, Free Woman, Hailey and Samuel, Cacilia Mann, and Greta Holbrook.

He then gave the memorial lesson and led 338 in memory of the following deceased: Buell Cobb and Henry Guthery—Alabama; Johanna Fabke and Mary Owen Grayson—Wisconsin; Jerry Razowsky, Grace Brazil, and Stephen Kirk Wagner—Florida; Jeff Bell and Ken Denzer—Minnesota; Jeff Begley, Tibby O’Leary, Terry Barber, Susan Fetcho, and Brandon Sampson—California; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Chloe Webb—Texas; Rob Mahoney and Steve Biggs—United Kingdom; Linda Siglin—Michigan; Patrick Fleming—Ohio; Heidrun S.—Germany; David Child—Illinois; Bill Fellinger—Vermont; Corrone Bryant and Ruth Ann Bryant—Maine and Florida; Amber Dalrymple—Oregon and Illinois. Ginny Landgraf closed the lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Erik Schwab 313t; JoDell Albi 372; Cecelia Kramer 313b; Joshua Velez 235; Inga Buckland 565; Eleanor Haase 142; Aubrey Hemminger 146; Mike Mullin 480; Judy Hauff 348t; Mary Rose O’Leary 340; Micah Sommersmith 448b; Samantha Adioetomo and Gillian Inksetter 448t; Erin Campbell and Brady Santoro 218; Lisa Grayson 547; Paul Bird 277; Fred Wilkey 29b; Becca Harrington 132 (ShH); Brad Baughman 178; Kathy Krug 155; Anne Heider 189; Terry Cunningham 217; Debra Barford 269.

The Founders of the Midwest Convention who were present (Judy Hauff, Carolyn Deacy, Mary Rose O’Leary, and Terry Cunningham) led 436 as the final song. Lisa Grayson offered Resolutions. The Chair called for Finance and Secretary reports and for announcements. The class took the parting hand while singing 62. Ginny Landgraf offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Brady Santoro; Vice Chair—Erik Schwab; Secretary—Mary Rogel

**THE BIG SINGING**  
**Old Marshall County Courthouse, Benton, Kentucky**  
**May 24-25, 2025**  
**Saturday, May 24**

The Saturday session of The Big Singing, using *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Gene Gilliland leading 59 and 63. Leaders: Randy Webber, “Old Hundredth” arr. John Dowland (1621), 504; Ray Turner 39t, 300; Tim Reynolds 313b, 278t; Garrett Herndon 96, 68b; Barbara Lehr 178, 47b; Erin Fulton 24t, 130; David Carlton 472, 481; Gene Gilliland 127, 268; Randy Webber 549, 163b; Ray Turner 276, 551; Tim Reynolds 492, 148; Garrett Herndon 143, 128; Barbara Lehr 448t, 56b; Erin Fulton 42, 146.

**LUNCH**

David Carlton called the class to order after lunch leading 421 and 496. Leaders: Gene Gilliland 64, 354b; Randy Webber 236, 162; Don Waggener 183, 455; Ray Tuner 489, 299; Tim Reynolds 117, 547; Garrett Herndon 107, 28t; Barbara Lehr 277, 270; Erin Fulton 53, 57; David Carlton 332, 370; Gene Gilliland 235. After announcements, Erin Fulton led 347 as the closing song.

**Sunday, May 25**

The Sunday session of 142nd Big Singing, using *The Southern Harmony*, compiled by William Walker, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Gene Gilliland leading 103 (SoH) and 8t (SoH). Leaders: Erin Fulton 123 (SoH), 112 (SoH); Tim Gregg 24b (SoH), 59 (SoH); Raphael Finkel 159b (SoH), 50 (SoH); Don Waggener 116 (SoH), 296 (SoH); David Killingsworth 48t (SoH); Trent Hollinger 107 (SoH), 51 (SoH); Randy Webber 72t (SoH), 40t (SoH); David Carlton 256 (SoH), 137 (SoH); Ray Turner 259 (SoH), 118 (SoH); James Thobaben and Marcelyn Thobaben 16 (SoH); Tim Reynolds 33 (SoH), 322 (SoH); Matt Meacham 11 (SoH), 312t (SoH); Erin

Fulton and Martha Paris Smith 38 (SoH) (in memory of her parents, William & Nancy Paris).

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Gene Gilliland leading 103 (SoH) and 10b (SoH). Leaders: Erin Fulton 165b (SoH), 327 (SoH); Tim Gregg 13t (SoH), 13b (SoH); Raphael Finkel 144 (SoH), 71 (SoH); Don Waggener 83 (SoH), 213 (SoH); David Killingsworth 181t (SoH); Trent Hollinger 181 (SoH), 89b (SoH); Randy Webber 262 (SoH), 189 (SoH); David Carlton 164 (SoH), 310 (SoH); Ray Turner 92t (SoH), 308 (SoH); James Thobaben 281t (SoH), 31t (SoH); Tim Reynolds 276b (SoH), 64 (SoH); Matt Meacham 252 (SoH), 299 (SoH); Gary Clark 51 (SoH); Randy Webber 11 (SoH).

The memorial lesson was led by Tim Reynolds. He spoke about how William Ralph "Rodney" Paris, Jr. had encouraged him to continue his involvement in The Big Singing. Mr. Paris had practiced behind-the-scenes leadership of the singing. He began a short-lived singing in Marion, Kentucky, using *The Southern Harmony*, *The Sacred Harp*, and occasionally, *The Missouri Harmony*. He was noted for his use of a tuning fork to pitch songs and his use of a plumb bob and string with knots placed at the intervals specified by William Walker to set the tempo of songs. Others listed in the memorial included Grady Waid Denney Burgess and Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia; and Phil Perrin—North Carolina. Tim Reynolds closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Tim Reynolds 17t (SoH); Trent Hollinger 39t (SoH); Randy Webber 133 (SoH); David Carlton 276t (SoH); Erin Fulton 35b (SoH); Matt Meacham 80 (SoH); Gene Gilliland 334 (SoH). Gary Clark closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Gene Gilliland; Secretary—Kevin Byars

### **HOLLY SPRINGS MEMORIAL SINGING Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia Saturday, May 31, 2025**

The Holly Springs Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Phillip Langley called the class to order by leading 48t. Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Brodeur 410t; Shawn Taylor 313t; Andy Ditzler 80b; Winfred Kerr 146; Bert Collins 335; Lela Crowder 39b; Judy Mincey 468; Oscar McGuire 573; Sheri Taylor 162; David Smead 297; Helen Bryson 100; Anna Hinton 182; Jesse Roberts 368; Nathan Rees 453; Karen Rollins 354t; Robert Kelley 544; Robert Chambliss 303; Abigail Cannon 81t; Debora Grosse 107 (in memory of Nancy Hersh); Shane Brown 220; Glenda Collins 105; Prisca Rice 142; Debra Langley 155; Judy Chambliss 472 (for Loyd and Louise Ivey).

#### RECESS

Phillip Langley and Paul Jarrell called the class back to order by leading 384. A business session was held to elect the following officers: Chair—Phillip Langley; Vice Chair—David Brodeur; Secretary—Shawn Taylor. Shane Brown was appointed as treasurer and Andy Ditzler as arranging committee.

Leaders: Bill DuPre 29t; Lisa Bennett 29b; Diane Avery 145b; Sarah George 430; Shane Brown 128; Lori Gruber 160b; Alex Forsyth 396; Erica Hinton 492; Reba Windom 460; Blake Sisemore 500; Sue Peters and Jan Robinson 68b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 40; Laura Wood 358; Rachael Geary 171; Pam Nunn 532; John Plunkett 391; David Brodeur 353; Helen Bryson 176t; Judy Mincey 269; Nathan Rees 91; Oscar McGuire 485. Bill DuPre asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

David Brodeur called the class back to order by leading 322. Leaders: Prisca Rice 208; Abigail Cannon 530; Reba Windom 176b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 89; Sarah

George 428; Sue Peters and Jan Robinson 59; Robert Kelley 470; Rachael Geary 426b; James George and Shane Brown 300; Blake Sisemore 556; Lori Gruber 548; Alex Forsyth 398; David Smead 30b; Shawn Taylor 70t; Pam Nunn 224; Bill DuPre 385t; Laura Wood 47b; Jesse Roberts 186; Andy Ditzler 178 (by request of Mark Gruber).

#### RECESS

Phillip Langley called the class back to order by leading 30t. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 480 (for Ed and Margaret Thacker); Cindy Gray 64; John Plunkett 371; Prisca Rice 569b; Lori Gruber 37b; Robert Kelley 377; Sheri Taylor 209; Sue Peters and Jan Robinson 415.

A short business session was held during which we resolved to continue with a single day of singing on Saturday before the first Sunday in June, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Announcements were made. Phillip Langley led 46 as the closing song, and Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Phillip Langley; Vice Chair—David Brodeur; Secretary—Shawn Taylor

### **LAMAR AND PICKENS COUNTY CONVENTION**

**Zion Church, Near Gordo, Alabama**

**Saturday, May 31, 2025**

The 107th 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 the song on page 36b. Mike Hankins offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Amber Davis 348b; Beth Wallace 110, 200; Will Gatewood 341, 535; Glenn Keeton 278t (in memory of Tony Smith), 349 (in memory of Clarence McCool); Larry Ballinger 50b, 140; Mike Hankins 34b, 527 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger); John Pyles 61, 59.

#### RECESS

Amber Davis led 78 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Roma Rice 544, 549 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Louise Yeager 503, 426b; Mark Davis 399b, 405; Chris Ballinger 178, 410t; Nicholas Thompson 192, 546; Lisa Geist 472, 273; Theresa Westmoreland 455, 189; Henry McGuire 438, 456.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Amber Davis leading songs on pages 49b and 380. Leaders: Wayne Baines 108t, 108b; Theresa Westmoreland 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Henry McGuire 513; Will Gatewood 425 (in memory of Buell Cobb); John Pyles 470; Glenn Keeton 507; Larry Ballinger 234; Mike Hankins 168; Roma Rice 277; Louise Yeager 480; Mark Davis 187 (in memory of Buell Cobb); Chris Ballinger 477; Nicholas Thompson 217; Lisa Geist 528; Wayne Baines 100. Announcements were made.

Amber Davis led 62 as the closing song. Glenn Keeton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Amber Davis; Secretary—Lisa Geist

### **NEWCASTLE SACRED HARP SINGING**

**Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom**

**Saturday, May 31, 2025**

The 19th Newcastle Sacred Harp All-Day singing took place at Saint Francis Church Hall in High Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, England, United Kingdom, on Saturday after the Whitsun bank holiday. Mark Wardlaw called the class to order by leading 565. Joel Wallenberg offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Phil Tyler 31b; Helen Barber 49b; Benny Ross 73t; Joel Wallenberg 59; Tim McElwaine 117; Nigel Anderson 49t; Claire Welford 171; Alex Ford 344; Lucy

Whalley 86; Ann Thelwell 31t; Joy Spreadborough 30t; Tom Sprackland 50t; Richard Mayers 105; Jonathan Stanyon 569b; John Sprackland 114; Naomi Russell 147t; Christopher Tedd 112; Martel Reynolds 142.

**RECESS**

Mark Wardlaw led 569t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Margaret Bradshaw 206; Calum Parker 209; Sam Carter 51; Jo-anne Carlyle 29t; Phil Tyler 428; Peter Bourne 183; Chris Coombe 472.

Benny Ross gave the lesson for the sick and housebound and named Anne Price, Cath Tyler, Joe Taylor, Conor Murray and Sylvia Lewin. Benny led 216.

Joel Wallenberg gave the memorial lesson and named Dan Ellis; Mary Pinney—Minnesota, USA; Joyce Tyler—Kingsbridge, Devon; Colin Richards—North Wales; Isaac Arlan Ingle-Gillis—Rogiet, Wales; Buell Etheridge Cobb—Alabama, USA. He led 32b in memory of the deceased.

Leaders: Joan Gordon 47t; Vicki Elliott 173; Helen Barber 54t; Benny Ross 391 for Lin James; Tim McElwaine 163b; Nigel Anderson 473. Paula Wardlaw said grace and the class paused for lunch.

**LUNCH**

The class resumed singing with the following leaders: Joel Wallenberg 312b; Gus Beamish 448b; Tom Sprackland 406; Richard Mayers 263; Jonathan Stanyon 282; Sam Carter 278b; Jo-anne Carlyle 268; Joy Spreadborough 481; Calum Parker 318; Chris Coombe 475; Vicki Elliott 539; John Sprackland 448t; Naomi Russell 312b; Martel Reynolds 313b; Margaret Bradshaw 137; Joan Gordon 84; Peter Bourne 56t; Ann Thelwell 178; Phil Tyler 454.

**RECESS**

Claire Welford began the final session by leading 287. Leaders: Calum Parker 337; Jo Kay 542; Richard Mayers 455; Tristan Thet 47b; Sam Carter 111t; Naomi Russell 148; Vicki Elliott 68b; Joy Spreadborough 155; Margaret Bradshaw 440; John Sprackland 276; Martel Reynolds 277; Chris Coombe 103; Tom Sprackland 349; Jo-anne Carlyle 300; Jonathan Stanyon 87; Joan Gordon 523; Gus Beamish 159.

Phil Tyler reported that the collection, together with expected revenue from bank transfers, amply covered the costs of the day. Mark Wardlaw reported that twenty-nine leaders had led a total of seventy-two songs up to that point.

Mark Wardlaw led 45t as the closing song. Ann Thelwell offered the closing prayer. Chair—Mark Wardlaw; Secretarial team—Helen Barber, Mark Wardlaw, Lucy Whalley, Tristan Thet, and Benny Ross

**SHAKER MEETINGHOUSE AND  
FRANCIS BLISS MEMORIAL SINGING  
Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, New Gloucester, Maine  
Saturday, May 31, 2025**

The 2025 Shaker Meetinghouse and Francis Bliss Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Robert Stoddard called the class to order leading 33b. Barb Ames led a Shaker hymn, and Robert Stoddard offered a prayer. Leaders: Sara Sandberg 475; Elizabeth Stoddard 29t; David Bliss 474; Mary Ganter 429; George Howe 148; Rachel Taylor 42; Ethan McNerney 306; McGhee Steiner 274t; Rachel Reed 472; Jesse Flynn 59; Pleasance Crawford 353; Nick Pappas 444; George Sigut 86; Jesse Vear 279; Evan Landon 276; Chuck Crawford 480.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Joan Nagy leading 36b. Nick Pappas led 3 Shaker tunes from the Northern Harp/Maine Harmonic Companion. Leaders: philou 121; Erin Fulton 109; Chris Hodges 323b; Jacob Stebly 189; Jan Juntunen 314; Eric Sandberg 441; Chris Holley 56b; Gwen Gethner 99; Harry Bernholz 89;

Joanne Fuller 107; Noah Mease 324; Marie Brandis 168; Keillor Mose 48t; Ryan Courtney 31t; Rachel Farber 445; Charles Biada 224.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rachel Taylor and McGhee Steiner leading 105. Leaders: Michaela Natal 473; Sebastian Beaghen 263; Alice Beattie 318; Ian Ludders 383; Joan Nagy 504; Patty McNerney 448t; Joan Frankel 143; Owen Stoddard 216; Jill Clough 378b; Kerry Cullinan 369; Kathe Pilobosian and Chris Holley 268; Pleasance Crawford 150; Chris Hodges 151; Evan Landon 163b; Jesse Vear 220; Gwen Gethner 97; philou 300. Announcements were made.

Robert Stoddard, Sara Sandberg, Chris Holley, and Elizabeth Stoddard led 62 as the closing song. Robert Stoddard dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Robert Stoddard; Secretary—Sara Sandberg

### WINCHESTER SINGING

#### St Paul's Church Hall, Winchester, United Kingdom

Saturday, May 31, 2025

The 8th Winchester Sacred Harp Singing was held in St Paul's Church Hall on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Megan Streb called the class to order leading 33b. Ed Johnson-Williams offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nigel Bowley 39b; Clare Harvey 65; Ed Johnson-Williams 31t; Neil Horlock 324; Matt McNaught 39t; Toby Goss 276; Brenda Bowley 105; Adrian White 146; Sheila Girling Macadam 102; Pete Eisman-Renyard 35; Erin Johnson-Williams 99; Cath Watkins 209; Edwin Macadam 66; Jacqui Knowles 339; Fran Barton 74b; Kiki Alba 228; Nick Hall 441; Clara Potter-Sweet 153; Michael Walker 142; Natalie Edelman 503; Barry Parsons 213t; Rachel Jordan 344; Arthur Swindells 472.

#### RECESS

Nigel Bowley called the class back to order by leading 159. Leaders: Matt McNaught 47t; Neil Horlock 448t; Adrian White 117; Fran Barton 290; Toby Goss 287; Cath Watkins 40; Ed Johnson-Williams 32t; Jacqui Knowles 361.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Michael Walker. He read the names of the following sick and shut-ins: Gary Morter; Julie Harris; Betty Stratford; Teresa McGuire; Carmen Stevens; Isabel Stokes; Helen Bushell; Steve Fletcher.

Michael then led 131t in memory of the following deceased: Betty Griffiths—Lewes; Bernard Collard—Cheltenham; Steve Biggs—Hove; Rob Mahoney—Goring by Sea; Robin Nicholson—Rushlake Green; Gregory Marsh—London; Buell Cobb—Alabama, USA; Tom Kane—Virginia, USA.

Leaders: Brenda Bowley 499; Arthur Swindells 30t; Erin Johnson-Williams 134; Barry Parsons 391; Sheila Girling Macadam 327; Pete Eisman-Renyard 49b; Nick Hall 213b; Edwin Macadam 352.

#### LUNCH

Megan Streb called the class back to order by leading 147b. Leaders: Clara Potter-Sweet 285t; Matt McNaught 49t; Kiki Alba 183; Maggie Eisman-Renyard 121; Nigel Bowley 110; Cath Watkins 299; Neil Horlock 479; Brenda Bowley 318; Arthur Swindells 314; Erin Johnson-Williams 456; Michael Walker 475; Rachel Jordan 546; Barry Parsons 572; Edwin Macadam 332; Nick Hall 454; Adrian White 362; Sheila Girling Macadam 532; Clara Potter-Sweet 428; Toby Goss 535; Ed Johnson-Williams 197; Fran Barton 378b; Jacqui Knowles 85; Pete Eisman-Renyard 84.

#### RECESS

Neil Horlock called the class back to order by leading 106. Leaders: Toby Goss 547; Sheila Girling Macadam 157; Fran Barton 425; Rachel Jordan 187; Edwin Macadam 538; Michael Walker 528; Arthur Swindells 430; Nick Hall 200; Barry Parsons 120; Clara Potter-Sweet 406; Erin Johnson-Williams 512; Oxford Singers 474; London

Singers 268; Lewes Singers 569b; Bristol Singers 378t; Michael Walker and Erin Johnson-Williams 333; Nigel Bowley and Brenda Bowley 138b; Winchester Singers 122.

Megan Streb and Nigel Bowley led 347 as the closing song. Erin Johnson-Williams offered prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Megan Streb; Vice Chairman—Nigel Bowley; Secretary—Neil Horlock

## **LIBERTY DECORATION DAY SINGING**

**Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama**

**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

The annual Decoration Day Sacred Harp singing was held on the first Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Scott Ivey leading the song on page 82t. Barrett Patton offered the morning prayer. Scott Ivey welcomed the class, and then led 49b.

Leaders: Blake Sisemore 97 (in memory of Marlon Wootten); Shane Wootten 47t; Bill DuPre 83b; Daniel Lee 302; Shawn Taylor 272; Sue Peters 77b; Andy Ditzler 69b (in memory of Buell Cobb); Rex Wilks 480; Aaron Wootten 47b; Daryl Chesney 454; Karen Rollins 540; Larry Ballinger 224; Erica Hinton 75; David Smead 83t; Syble Adams 503; Christopher Mann 102; Marty Wootten 399b; Alex Forsyth 138b; Amber Davis 192; Joseph Bray 178. The class gathered in the cemetery to sing in memory of the deceased. Scott Ivey led 37b and 162. Blake Sisemore led 571 (CB) and 500 (CB).

### **RECESS**

Blake Sisemore led 100 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jared Wootten 329; Clarke Williams 283; David Killingsworth and Brenda Armstrong 225t; Barrett Patton and Bailey Patton 336 (in memory of Bob and Paul Greeson); Abigail Cannon 234; Winfred Kerr 517; Sarah George 418; Deborah Taube 299; Garrett Morton 440 (in memory of Leonard and Nora Lacy); Ainslie Allen 546; Lori Gruber 327; Shane Brown 183; Terry Wootten 89; Jerry Turlington 196; Zena Tucker 68b; Delone Cobbs 354t; Michael Adams 74b; Jesse P Karlsberg 126; Linton Ballinger 410t (in memory of WWII deceased veterans); Isaac Green 488. Shane Brown asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Scott Ivey and Blake Sisemore led 48t to begin the afternoon session. Leaders and selections: Jamey Wootten and Rodney Ivey 186; James George and Rachael Geary 300; Anna Hinton 419; Mark Carroll 400; Judy Caudle 394; Susan Lee 564; David Brodeur 528; Lisa Geist 228; Levi Trumbore 384; Maddy Mullany 345b; Nicholas Thompson 304; Loyd Ivey, Louise Ivey, and family (Marian Biddle, Martha Brown, Lilly Underwood, Adam Biddle, Candace Sizemore, Eva Sizemore, David Bethune, Lindsey Watkins, Callie Watkins, Kate Watkins, Will Ivey, and Molly Ivey) 501 (CB); Sylvia Ivey and family (Tony Ivey, Sandy Ivey, Scott Ivey, Marty Wootten, Lorrie Wootten, Hayden Wootten, Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, Chelsea Wootten, Jayden Hunt, Dixie Carter, Annie Grace Wootten, and Dawsyn) 445; Eddie Mash 174; Reba Windom, Paisley Gast, and Avery Gast 146; Prisca Rice and Jayden Hunt 122; Everett Ivey 180; Lisa Bennett and Stella Price 50t; Ann Jett and Cindy Tanner 269; Meredith Ivey and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 354b; David Ivey, Karen Ivey, Allison Ivey, and Richard Ivey 222; Linda Thomas and Larry Brasher 131b; Tom George 560; Lauren Bock 511; Hayden Wootten, Brooke Wootten, and Parker Wootten 340; Matt Hinton 217; Jackie Tanner and Cassie Allen 172; Cheyenne Ivey and Garrett Morton 465 (CB); David Saylors 203; Gaea Singer and Rodney Ivey 123b; Joyce Morton and Rodney Ivey 76b; Scott Ivey and Dixie Carter 421. Shane Wootten recognized the veterans in the class, and thanked them for their service. Announcements were made.

Scott Ivey and Blake Sisemore led 521 as the closing song. Eddie Mash dismissed the class with prayer.  
Chairman—Scott Ivey; Vice Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

**TYNESIDE SHAPE NOTE SHENANDOAH HARMONY DAY  
Gateshead, England, United Kingdom  
Sunday, June 1, 2025**

The Tyneside *Shenandoah Harmony* singing was held on the first Sunday in June. Helen Barber welcomed those singers who had arrivedSide By Side Arts Studios, Dunsmuir Grove, Gateshead, England. Helen led 12b.

Leaders: Tom Sprackland 457; Phil Tyler 260t; Calum Parker 278; Joel Wallenberg 41; Margaret Bradshaw 78; Christopher Tedd 22b; Caleb Leeke 364b; Naomi Russell 106; Ann Thelwell 28t; Benny Ross 53; Mark Wardlaw 7b; Colin Monson 27; Simon James 179; Claire Welford 264b; Lin James 125; Joy Spreadborough 300t.

**RECESS**

Claire Welford reconvened the class by leading 154. Leaders: Helen Barber 138; Tom Sprackland 147; Phil Tyler 15; Christopher Tedd 171; Joel Wallenberg 236; Margaret Bradshaw 88; Naomi Russell 80; Calum Parker 446t; Jo-anne Carlyle 57; Benny Ross 363; Mark Wardlaw 270; Colin Monson 242; Simon James 243; Claire Welford 162; Lin James 1; Joy Spreadborough 196.

**LUNCH**

Helen Barber called the class back together by leading 5t. Leaders: Tom Sprackland 412; Joel Wallenberg 115; Christopher Tedd 424b; Phil Tyler 114; Margaret Bradshaw 287; Calum Parker 120t; Caleb Leeke 177; Benny Ross 305; Colin Monson 408t; Lin James 404t; Joy Spreadborough 265; Helen Barber 132.

**RECESS**

The class resumed singing for the final session. Leaders: Tom Sprackland 76t; Calum Parker 140b; Christopher Tedd 134b; Joel Wallenberg 397; Margaret Bradshaw 356t; Caleb Leeke 310; Phil Tyler 200; Joy Spreadborough 366; Helen Barber 356b; Tom Sprackland 16; Calum Parker 326b; Christopher Tedd 194; Phil Tyler 124. The class was dismissed.

Chair—Helen Barber; Secretaries—Helen Barber and Benny Ross

**HOPEWELL HOMECOMING  
Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama  
Saturday, June 7, 2025**

The 77th 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 32t. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Terry Hullett 144; Rebekah Gilmore 101t; Butch White 344; Judy Chambliss 373; Roma Rice 323b; Robert Chambliss 225t (in memory of Buell Cobb); Zena Tucker 361; Andy Ditzler 139; David Brodeur 103; Linda Shea 475; Linda Booth 454; Marie Brandis 564; Robert Stoddard 216; Judy Mincey 311; Lori Gruber 107; Barbara Swetman 383.

**RECESS**

Philip Gilmore brought the class back together by leading 47b. Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 29t; Shawn Taylor 302; Matthew Leger-Small 328; Lisa Bennett 336; Anuhea Sebstad 300; Owen Stoddard 215; Gail Doss 505; Pippa Stoddard 418; David Smead 351; Kate Bergren 480; Miriam Delirium 481; David Carlton 272; Abigail Cannon 456; Lily Hammond 277; Kassie Smith 137 (in memory of Virgil Phillips); Tom George 96; Ann Jett 269; Kennedy Smith 68b; Beth Branscome 309; Bradley Smith 45t; Danny Creel 485; Shane Brown 317.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore. They led 340 for the following sick and shut-ins: Betty Shepherd, Margaret Keeton, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Wanda Capps, Beau Caldwell, Nate Green, Lucy Heidorn, Lois Hurt, Marlin Beasley, Amber Hullett, and Jimmie Gilmore. They then led 146 for the following deceased: Buell Cobb, Henry Guthery, Julia Poston, Pauline Oliver, Teresa Bethune—Alabama; Chloe Webb—Texas; Susan Fetcho—California; Corrone Bryant and Ruth Anne Bryant—Maine; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin. Shane Brown closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

#### LUNCH

Loyd Ivey and Rodney Ivey brought the class back together by leading 47t and 99. Leaders: Tom George and James George 297; Prisca Rice 36t; Isaac Green 483; Sarah George 447; Reba Windom 436; Nicholas Thompson 189; Laurie Keeton 128; Bridge Hill Kennedy 391; Glenn Keeton 349; Larry Brasher 87; Elene Stovall 411; Vella Dailey 409; Paula Henderson and Grace Gilmore 270; Samantha Adioetomo and Pippa Stoddard 430; Robert Stoddard and Elizabeth Stoddard 422; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 304; Lisa Bennett and David Smead 550; Sarah George and Abigail Cannon 428; Matthew Leger-Small 360; Lily Hammond and Shawn Taylor 442; Prisca Rice 176b; Anuhea Sebstad and Kate Bergren 460; Gail Doss 376; Owen Stoddard 530; Linda Shea 55; Butch White 547; Marie Brandis and Bridge Hill Kennedy 89; Shane Brown and Tom George 296; Barbara Swetman 179; Nicholas Thompson and Reba Windom 192 (for Betty Shepherd); Miriam Delirium 506; Philip Gilmore, Rebekah Gilmore, John Gilmore, and Grace Gilmore 276.

Terry Hullett and Philip Gilmore led 62 as the closing song. Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretary—Rebekah Gilmore

### OSLO SACRED HARP SINGING

Oslo, Norway

Saturday, June 7, 2025

The 9th annual Oslo All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Kampen Menighetshus in Oslo, Norway. The class was called to order by Camilla Marie Widholm leading 472. The opening prayer was offered by Margaret Hunt. Leaders: Chris Affolter 52t; Marielle Minutella 31t; John Hutchinson 441; Jessica Sligter 176b; Dominik Fraune 37b; Jacoba Bruneel 30b; Johanna Vogelsang 70b; Nigel Bowley 73b; Aislinn Ahern 47b; Inga Buckland 468; Finn Titford-Mock 132; Kate Kirwan 101b; Theresa Hofmann 448t; Tristan Gordon 29t; Maria Neumann-Fraune 171; Cath Saunt 268 (for Rachel Adelstein); Paul Kolenbrander 28t; Sinéad Hanrahan 72b; Brenda Bowley 105; Erin Johnson-Williams 228; Margaret Hunt 34b; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 131b.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Oskar Kvasnes 147b; Saara Pakarinen 129; Stina Söderling 40; Ulla Schlobohm 531; Derek Buckland 74t; Laura Eisen 497; Katie Ahern 92; Brenda Bowley 138b; Paul Kolenbrander 203; Sinéad Hanrahan 214; Nigel Bowley 466; Johanna Vogelsang 344; Tristan Gordon 67; Aislinn Ahern 384; Kate Kirwan 196; Theresa Hofmann 66; John Hutchinson 315; Jacoba Bruneel 349.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Chris Affolter 82t; Camilla Marie Widholm 298; Owen Thomas 457; Jessica Sligter 372; Dominik Fraune 95; Maria Neumann-Fraune 566; Duane Nasis 426t; Cath Saunt 217; Inga Buckland 162; Erin Johnson-Williams 329; Margaret Hunt 49t; Fynn Titford-Mock 185; Katie Ahern 353; Stina Söderling 89; Derek Buckland 323b; Marielle Minutella 447.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Saara Pakarinen 362; Laura Eisen 182; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 34t; Tristan Gordon 220; Sinéad Hanrahan 192; Johanna Vogelsang 277; Nigel Bowley 163t; Kate Kirwan 333; Aislinn Ahern 506; Paul Kolenbrander 440; Brenda Bowley 318; Jacoba Bruneel 367; John Hutchinson 442; Theresa Hofmann 107; Jessica Sligter 216; Marielle Minutella 122; Maria Neumann-Fraune 528; Cath Saunt 272; Dominik Fraune 512; Erin Johnson-Williams 448b; Duane Nasis 432.

**RECESS**

Leaders; Marielle Minutella 133; Stina Söderling 319; Nora Gates and Katie Ahern 352; Katie Ahern 335; Oskar Kvasnes 350; Fynn Titford-Mock 507; Margaret Hunt 127; Derek Buckland 102; Camilla Marie Widholm 377; Inga Buckland 355; Tristan Gordon 42; Chris Affolter 460; Kate Kirwan 456; Sinéad Hanrahan 208; Laura Eisen 296; Nigel Bowley 503; Johanna Vogelsang 276; Aislinn Ahern 278t; Jacoba Bruneel 345b; Brenda Bowley 290; Camilla Marie Widholm 146. The closing prayer was offered by Derek Buckland.

Chair—Camilla Marie Widholm; Secretary—Saara Pakarinen

**RAYMOND HAMRICK MEMORIAL  
(THE GEORGIAN HARMONY)  
Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia**

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

The Raymond Hamrick Memorial singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in June. Bill DuPre called the class together leading page 8 followed by the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill DuPre 22; Oscar McGuire 9, 11; Bert Collins 3, 105; Steven Taylor 138; Michael Spencer 15, 43; Bill DuPre 19; Rosemund Watson 109, 25; Laura Wood 95, 224; Sheri Taylor 107, 80.

**RECESS**

Bill DuPre called the class back together leading 47. Leaders: Tim Meeks 240, 167; John Plunkett 220, 209; Glenda Collins 81, 99; Lily Hooks 54b. The blessing for the food was offered by Wayne Watson.

**LUNCH**

Bill DuPre called the class back together by leading page 51. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 26; Bert Collins 208; Steven Taylor 87, 48; Michael Spencer 233, 43; Bill DuPre 97; Rosemund Watson 42; Laura Wood 211; Sheri Taylor 29; Tim Meeks 225, 252; John Plunkett 206; Lily Hooks and Bill DuPre 92; Martha Harrell and Oscar McGuire 152; Steven Taylor 14; Michael Spencer 111. Announcements were made.

Rosemund Watson and Lily Hooks led 255 as the traditional closing song. John Plunkett dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretary—Glenda Collins

**JUNE SINGING  
Alpharetta Municipal Building, Alpharetta, Georgia**

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

The 157th 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. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Faye Holbrook 67, 49b; Oscar McGuire 34b; Bill Dupre 37b, 426t; John Plunkett 52t, 39b; Helen Bryson 100, 155.

**RECESS**

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 542 and 153. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 171, 66; Bill Dupre 85, 148; John Plunkett 61, 136; Helen Bryson 227, 287.

A short business session was held. The following were elected to serve: Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Mike Castleberry; Secretary—David Smead. Leaders: Faye Holbrook 482, 74b; Oscar McGuire 350, 479; Bill Dupre 480, 300; John Plunkett 71, 326; Helen Bryson 178, 313b.

#### LUNCH

Faye Holbrook called the class to order leading 457. Bill Dupre and Oscar McGuire conducted a Sacred Harp instructional class for the visitors which included traditions, rudiments, pitching, major and minor scales. Visitor questions were taken and answered. Oscar McGuire led 45t and 63. Helen Bryson led 68b. Faye Holbrook led 452 per request for Janice Pauk. Leaders: Bill Dupre 47b, 225t; Oscar McGuire 27; Helen Bryson 312t, 217; Bill Dupre 107. Announcements were made. Bill Dupre led 347 as closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Faye Holbrook; Vice Chairman—Mike Castleberry; Acting Secretaries—John Plunkett and Helen Bryson

### **MAGIC CITY SINGING Birmingham, Alabama Sunday, June 8, 2025**

The first Magic City Sacred Harp Singing was held at Aveida building on the campus of University of Alabama, Birmingham, on the second Sunday in June. The singing was dedicated to the memory of Joan Aldridge (2021) and Buell Cobb (2025). Both singers were avid supporters of Sacred Harp singing and tradition. Their presence has been, and continues to be, greatly missed.

The class was called to order by Bridge Hill Kennedy by leading the song on page 37b. Bridge welcomed the singers and visitors. Marie Brandis offered the opening prayer. Leaders and selections: Bridge Hill Kennedy and Elene Stovall 36b (in memory of Joan Aldridge); Anna Hinton 142; Ainslie Allen 460; Marie Brandis 30t; Rebekah Gilmore 440; Butch White 313b (in memory of Buell Cobb); Carolyn Thompson 500; Judy Chambliss 549; Andy Ditzler and Audrey Brown 121; Jim Carnes 187 (in memory of Buell Cobb); Philip Gilmore 76b; Denney Rogers and Karen Rollins 153; Kassie Smith 137; Stefani Priskos 426t; Jim Neal 406; Glenn Keeton and Laurie Keeton 277; Tim Gregg 138t; David Smead 75 (in memory of Buell Cobb); Robert Chambliss 452; Gail Doss 86.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back together by Stefani Priskos leading 105. Leaders: Erica Hinton 432; Judy Mincey 468; Kennedy Smith 68b; Shawn Taylor 209; David Ivey 473 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); Jesse P Karlsberg 470; Lily Hammond 182; Chris Ballinger 270; Hollie Long 208; Judy Caudle 345b; Owen Stoddard 507; Michele Cull 475; Jeannette DePoy 77t (at the request of UK singers and in memory of Buell Cobb and Amanda Denson); David Carlton 538; Meredith Ivey 311; Zena Tucker 504.

#### RECESS

Joey Brackner led 45t (in memory of Buell Cobb) to bring the class together. Leaders: Lisa Bennett, David Smead, and Jim Carnes 372.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Robert Stoddard spoke of Covid restrictions and recalled the depressive feelings of separation. He encouraged everyone to be mindful of those who are sick or homebound and to reach out to them. He read aloud the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Lois Hurt, Carnelia van den Doel, Karleen Williams, Dan Phemayotin, Elsa Phemayotin, Beau Caldwell, Nate Green, Margaret Keeton, Marlin Beasley, Darlene Reynolds, Betty Shepherd, Wanda Capps, Joyce Walton, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Brenda Waters, Sarah Beasley, Janet Fraembs, Jimmie Gilmore, Hailey Reid, and Lucy Heidorn. He led 34t in their honor.

Elizabeth Stoddard spoke in remembrance of sitting on a bench on the easternmost point of the US, watching the sun rise across the ocean, when she received the news of Joan's passing. Though saddened by the news, it also prompted thoughts of the importance of communication with family and friends. Within the Sacred Harp community, there are many missing faces in the square. She encouraged all the class to make good use of our time here. She read aloud the following list of names of the deceased: Joan Aldridge, Buell Cobb, Julia Poston, Henry Guthery, Teresa Bethune, Chris Shepherd, Pauline Oliver, Joe Jones, and Frances Jones—Alabama; Bob Goodman, Beverly Rollins Thompson, and Susan Morgan—Georgia; Susan Fetcho—California; Chloe Webb—Texas; Reed Schilbach—Washington; Deb McGuire—Massachusetts; Coronne Bryant and RuthAnn Bryant—Maine; John Simead—Missouri; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin; John Bennett—Germany; Steve Biggs and Rob Mahoney—United Kingdom. Elizabeth led 285t in memory of the deceased. The memorial service was closed in prayer offered by Marie Brandis. Leaders: Lauren Bock 69b (in memory of Buell Cobb); Bradley Smith 282; Matt Hinton 113; Ann Jett 546; Tom George 316; Richard Ivey 556; Annaliza Cull 273; Sarah Whites-Koditschek 213t; David Brodeur 306; Karen Ivey, Meredith Ivey, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 532. Marie Brandis asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Judy Caudle leading 111t. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 411; Linda Shea 168; Matthew Leger-Small 183; Nicholas Thompson 288 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); R Anuhea Sebstad 47b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 146; Samantha Adioetomo and Hollie Long 384; Racheal Gearly 272; Pippa Stoddard 220; Kate Bergren 434; Sarah George 224; Cindy Tanner 198 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); Lori Gruber 314; Robert Stoddard 528; Pam Nunn 362; Miriam Delirium 448t; Larry Ballinger, Katie Ballinger, and Lauren Ballinger 448b; Abigail Cannon 436; Elizabeth Stoddard 124 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); Barbara Swetman 353 (in memory of Buell Cobb and Dan Brittain); Mark Taylor, Beth Branscome, and Karen 63; Elene Stovall and Alison Davis 228 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); Matthew Leger-Small, Linda Shea, Anuhea Sebstad, and Kate Bergren 58; Beth Branscome, Mark Taylor, and Karen 569b; Alex Forsyth 326 (in memory of Buell Cobb); Marie Brandis 328; Lily Hammond 455; Gail Doss 547; Owen Stoddard 503; Tim Gregg 423 (in memory of Buell Cobb); Michele Cull and Annaliza Cull 454 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); David Carlton 421; Cindy Tanner and Ainslie Allen 498; Jim Pate 358; Mary Beth Garrison 472.

Bridge Hill Kennedy led 155 as the closing song. Marie Brandis offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Bridge Hill Kennedy; Secretaries—Anna Hinton and Ainslie Allen

### **EXETER SINGING Douglassville, Pennsylvania Saturday, June 14, 2025**

The 23rd Exeter All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in June at the Exeter Friends Meeting House. Outgoing Chair Lyn Koehnline called the class to order by leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Michaela Natal. Incoming Chair Ted Stokes led 34t, made opening remarks, and announced the other officers.

Leaders: Hayden Arp 108t; Jeff Shenk 107; Rachel Hall 313t; Joyce Forry 480; Anna Melton 282; Matthew Kaufmann 376; Wyn Batson 336; Hollie Long 391; Ben Fink 99; Guy Bankes 137; Doron Henkin 556; Lamar Matthew 35.

#### RECESS

Rob Arbelo led 162 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Elizabeth Patton 444; Emily Raffensberger 46; Gray 159; Nancy Tkacs 113; Samantha Adioetomo 112;

Brady Santoro 326; Lindsey Falbo 300; Daniel Zaloum 192; Jocelyn Kurtze 228; Kerry Cullinan 269; Elizabeth Pilar 440; Tarik Wareh 66; Marlena Ospina 353; Jess Keyes 270; Jeremy Picker 183; Michaela Natal 135.

#### RECESS

Sam Dembling led 59 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Anna Mays 227; Marie Brandis 172; Zoe Macdonald 284; Matthew Kaufmann 438; Barbara Swetman 371; John Adler 350; Brenda Dunlap 411; Rachel Farber 506; Jason Jack 335; Faiz Wareh 439; Annie Reynolds 102; Charles Biada 272; Noah Mease 76b; Liora O'Donnell Goldensher 460; Sebastian Beaghen 477; Leah Weston 299; Elsa Phemayotin 229; Gwen Gethner 182. Michaela Natal offered a prayer before the meal.

#### LUNCH

Ted Stokes led 105 to call the class back to order. Leaders: Nancy Mandel 564; Ginny Landgraf 372; Keillor Mose 240; Stephanie Fida 309; Sara Lott 30b; David Schmitt 215; Stacey Berkheimer 387; Jasmine Mendoza 455; McGee Steiner 209; Julia Zaffarano 500; Sam Kleinman 426b; Erica Martinez 472; Sam Ellenberger 339; Rob Arbelo 542; Kobi Bordoley 163b; Ben Cocchiaro 454.

#### RECESS

Sophie Sokolov led 399b to call the class back to order. Leaders: Miriam Delirium 163t; Ryan Courtney 347; Kyle Johnston 154; Neve Jahn 144; Isabella Segalovich 268; Harry Bernholz 287; Sam Dembling 68b; Doug Kurtze 36b; Grace Spencer 159; Korey Guerrieri 344; Ellie Knickman 191; Leon Pulsinelle 448b; Fred Steinruck 236; Erika Wilson 276.

Lyn Koehnline reported that there were one hundred and six registered singers, with eighty-two songs led by eighty leaders from ten states and the District of Columbia. In closing, 62 was sung as the class took the parting hand. Michaela Natal offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Ted Stokes; Vice Chair—Hayden Arp; Treasurer—Matthew Kaufmann; Secretary—Lyn Koehnline

### **MOORE, GRAVES, AND CALVERT MEMORIAL**

### **Addington Chapel, Cullman County, Alabama**

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

The 115th 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 48t. He offered the opening prayer, and welcomed the class and visitors.

The officers for the day were as follows: Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary and Arranging—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Danny Creel 40; Butch White 547, 503; Tom Booth 76b, 78; Beth Branscome 77t, 74b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 448b, 101t (for Betty Shepherd); Philip Gilmore 73t, 75; Brenda Chafin 142, 203 (for Wanda Capps); Rebekah Gilmore 63, 371; Mark Davis 126, 564; David Carlton 540, 496; Paula Henderson 68b, 145b; Jackie Tanner 56t, 138t.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Danny Creel leading 131b. Leaders: Lori Rodgers 159, 472; Hazel Heinze 480, 551; Henry McGuire 530, 94; Prisca Rice 89, 546; Lisa Geist 528, 273; Cindy Tanner 187, 208; Larry Ballinger 513, 50b; Ann Jett 498, 327.

#### LUNCH

Danny Creel led 532 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Butch White 287; Tom Booth 123t; Beth Branscome 171; Bridge Hill Kennedy 276; Philip Gilmore 176b; Brenda Chafin 192, 137; Rebekah Gilmore 189; Mark Davis 558; David Carlton 333; Paula Henderson 108t; Jackie Tanner 298; Lori Rodgers 99; Hazel Heinze 84; Henry

McGuire 399t; Prisca Rice 136; Lisa Geist 523; Cindy Tanner 167; Larry Ballinger 97; Ann Jett 269; Danny Creel 512 (in memory of Harrison Creel). Announcements were made.

Danny Creel led 46 as the closing song. Tom Booth dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Ann Jett

## HOPEWELL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Roopville, Georgia

Sunday, June 15, 2025

The 158th session of the Hopewell singing met on the third Sunday in June. Oscar McGuire called the class to order by leading 34b and 59. Denney Rogers offered the opening prayer. Denney Rogers led 100. Karen Rollins led 122 (for Bill Denney and Randa Harris).

A business session was held with the re-election of the same officers as follows:

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Denney Rogers; Secretary—Karen Rollins. Judy Chambles was chosen to arrange leaders.

Leaders: Sherry Lovvorn 373; Lisa Bennett 123t; Sheri Taylor 56t; Wyatt Denney 67; Robert Chambliss 52b; Lily Hammond 39t; David Brodeur 65; David Smead 354b; Bert Collins 63; Shawn Taylor 468; Scott DePoy 277; Judy Mincey 564; Erica Hinton 111b; Bill DuPre 201; Jeannette DePoy 457 (for Hailey Reid); Glenda Collins 76b (for Cecil Roberts); Lee Denney 294 (in memory of Josephine Denney); Bridge Hill Kennedy 70b.

### RECESS

Oscar McGuire led 31b to bring the class together. Leaders: John Plunkett 411; Joan Denney 339; Andy Ditzler 462; Winfred Kerr 89; Phillip Langley 546; Anna Hinton 203; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 217; Kacey Cook 405.

The memorial lesson was directed by Karen Rollins who read a liturgical writing from Every Moment Holy and talked about the names on the lists. The sick and shut-ins included Judy Henry, Cecil Roberts, Karleen Williams, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Wanda Capps, Jack Nelson, Nate Green, Kenneth Rogers, Jean Rogers, Bill Denney, Don Bowen, Cornelia van der Doel, Mary Brownlee, and Barbara Brooks.

The list of deceased included Tony Rogers, Grady Burgess, Beverly Thompson, Clenette Todd, Harold Lovvorn, Susan Johnson, Susan Morgan, and Bob Goodman—Georgia; Julia Poston, Henry Guthery, William Futral, Virginia Futral, and Buell Cobb—Alabama; John Smead—Missouri; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin; Chloe Webb—Texas; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Keanedy—Ireland; Rob Mahoney—United Kingdom; Susan Fetcho—California; and Reed Schilbach—Washington. The song chosen for the memorial was 45t, led by Karen and her siblings and granddaughter (Paige Harrod, Sherry Lovvorn, Denney Rogers, and Julia Jade Thompson). Bill DuPre closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Wyatt Denney led 284. Denney Rogers gave the financial report. Gayle Denney, Lee Denney, Wyatt Denney, Karis Booth, Kacey Cook, and Ethan Askin led 384.

Leaders: Phillip Langley 542; Judy Mincey 254; Scott DePoy 179; Lily Hammond 99.

### LUNCH

Leaders: Denney Rogers 87; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 101t; Winfred Kerr and Lisa Bennett 146; Scott DePoy and Jeannette DePoy 114; Robert Chambliss 145t; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 553; Shawn Taylor 157; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, Anna Hinton, and Lottie Hinton 276; Bill DuPre 300; Bridge Hill Kennedy 171; John Plunkett 97 (in memory of Lonnie Rogers); Barry Rollins 143; David Smead 117; Wyatt Denney and Karis Booth 504; Karis Booth 120 (in memory of

Philip Denney); Lily Hammond 362; Oscar McGuire 413. Announcements were made.

The officers led 347, and Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Denney Rogers; Secretary—Karen Rollins

### **MACEDONIA SINGING**

**Section, Alabama**

**Sunday, June 15, 2025**

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 32t. Dennis George offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Tom George 65; Dennis George 100, 345t; James George and Tonia Edmondson 300; Nicholas Thompson 208; Nicholas Thompson and Reba Windom 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Daniel Lee 77b, 213b; Rebekah Gilmore 276, 371; Joyce Morton 36b, 277; Susan Lee 564, 107; Sarah George 67, 141; Ridney Ivey 176t, 108b; Janette Graves 358; Jamey Wootten 317, 108t; Aaron Wootten 30t, 56t.

RECESS

Tom George led 135 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Abigail Cannon 81t, 336; Everett Ivey 203, 38t; Meredith Ivey 46; Prisca Rice 47b, 40; Hayden Wootten 399b, 77t; Judy Caudle 69b (in memory of Buell Cobb), 85; Cole Wootten 39b, 313t; Reba Windom 186; Shelby Castillo and Rodney Ivey 500; Sarah George and Rodney Ivey 217; Kelsey Ivey 48t, 418; Richard Ivey 83b, 103; Syble Adams 101t, 445; Blake Sisemore and Mamie Sisemore 285t, 59.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Dennis George leading 87. Leaders: Russell Varner and David Varner 45t; Charles Stiefel 378b; Marty Wootten 176b; Jared Wootten 84; Prisca Rice 379; Kelsey Ivey 215; Judy Caudle 426t; Rebekah Gilmore 171; Richard Ivey 207; Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle 459; Abigail Cannon 114; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 436; Jared Wootten 328; Jamey Wootten 483; Hayden Wootten 318; Sarah George 474; Rodney Ivey 465 (CB); Blake Sisemore 222; Everett Ivey 421; Tom George, Dennis George, and James George 76b; Tom George and Dennis George 153.

Tom George led 521 as the closing song. Russell Varner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Tom George; Secretary—Dennis George

### **BIECZ MIDSUMMER SINGING**

**Biecz, Lubusz Voivodeship, Poland**

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

The first Lusatian All-Day Shapenote Singing was held at the farm of Dr. Arnd Adje Both in the village of Biecz, community of Brody, Poland, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. Songs were sung from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition* and *The Shenandoah Harmony*.

The class was called to order by Caro Stamm-Reusch leading 171. Leaders: George Harvey 341; Dominik Fraune 161; Sebastian Borckenhagen 77t; Maria Neumann-Fraune 38t; Molly McCracken 335; Ulrike Tietjen 70t; Fynn Titford-Mock 76b; Caitlin Jay 166; Melanie Tönnies 142; Caro Stamm-Reusch 108b; George Harvey 348b; Dominik Fraune 510; Sebastian Borckenhagen 270; Maria Neumann-Fraune 551; Molly McCracken 504; Ulrike Tietjen 505; Fynn Titford-Mock 398; Caitlin Jay 565; Melanie Tönnies 396; Caro Stamm-Reusch 397; George Harvey 330t.

RECESS

Caro Stamm-Reusch called the class to order leading 65t (ShH). Leaders: Sebastian Borckenhagen 22b (ShH); Dominik Fraune 6t (ShH); Maria Neumann-Fraune 13t (ShH), Molly McCracken 12b (ShH); Ulrike Tietjen 422 (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 153 (ShH); Caitlin Jay 6b (ShH); Melanie Tönnies 364b (ShH); Fynn Titford-Mock 431 (ShH); George Harvey 193 (ShH); Sebastian Borckenhagen 53 (ShH); Dominik Fraune 424b (ShH); Molly McCracken 246b (ShH); Ulrike Tietjen 101 (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 181 (ShH); Caitlin Jay 132 (ShH); Melanie Tönnies 285 (ShH); Fynn Titford-Mock 214 (ShH); George Harvey 217 (ShH).

RECESS

The class was called to order by Fynn Titford-Mock leading 79. Leaders: George Harvey 124; Sebastian Borckenhagen 421; Maria Neumann-Fraune 313b; Molly McCracken 203; Ulrike Tietjen 423; Caro Stamm-Reusch 545; Caitlin Jay 215; Melanie Tönnies 214; Fynn Titford-Mock 336; Dominik Fraune 315; George Harvey 84; Sebastian Borckenhagen 267; Maria Neumann-Fraune 344; Molly McCracken 181; Ulrike Tietjen 278t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 416; Caitlin Jay 204; Melanie Tönnies 224; Fynn Titford-Mock "Wremen" (own composition); Dominik Fraune 500.

In the evening, a demonstration singing was held for the villagers of Biecz, where the class sang thirty-seven more songs from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Caro Stamm-Reusch began by leading 39t. Leaders: Ulrike Tietjen 288; Caitlin Jay 82t; Melanie Tönnies 290; Fynn Titford-Mock 49b; George Harvey 70b; Sebastian Borckenhagen 38b; Dominik Fraune 37b; Maria Neumann-Fraune 171; Caro Stamm-Reusch 86; Ulrike Tietjen 121; Caitlin Jay 128; Melanie Tönnies 300; Fynn Titford-Mock 176t; George Harvey 411; Sebastian Borckenhagen 45t; Dominik Fraune 274t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 47b; Ulrike Tietjen 187; Caitlin Jay 312b; Melanie Tönnies 214; Fynn Titford-Mock 183; George Harvey 334; Sebastian Borckenhagen 163t; Dominik Fraune 163b; Maria Neumann-Fraune 146; Caro Stamm-Reusch 162; Ulrike Tietjen 531; Caitlin Jay 472; Melanie Tönnies 496; Fynn Titford-Mock 365; George Harvey 318; Sebastian Borckenhagen 117; Dominik Fraune 268; Maria Neumann-Fraune 178; Caro Stamm-Reusch 347. Fynn Titford-Mock closed the singing by leading 86.

Chair—Caro Stamm-Reusch; Secretary—Caitlin Jay

## **KERMIT ADAMS AND STEVE ADAMS MEMORIAL SINGING Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Double Springs, Alabama Saturday, June 21, 2025**

The Kermit Adams and Steve Adams Memorial Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 46. The morning prayer was offered by Philip Gilmore.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers to serve: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Philip Gilmore; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arrangements—Zena Tucker.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 32t; Philip Gilmore 33b, 76b; Susan Allred 56t, 112; Tom Booth 34t, 34b; Butch White 313b, 547; Nicholas Thompson 276 (for Margaret Keeton), 166; Hazel Heinze 551, 569b; Betty Boccus 59 (in memory of Ronald and Joan Gilbreath); Betty Boccus and Brenda Chafin 225t (in memory of Velton Chafin).

RECESS

Philip Gilmore led 75 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Greg Allred 452, 72b; Zena Tucker 143 (for Barbara Thomas), 278b; Roma Rice 497, 323b; David Godsey 277, 77t; Nicholas Thompson 405 (in memory of Kenneth Fannin); Louise Yeager 426b, 100; Seth Allred 455, 224.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Glenn Keeton leading 322, 430, and 371. Leaders: Nellie Alexander and Heidi Woods 81t, 82t; Becky Briggs 79, 285t; Sarah Beasley and Becky Briggs 340, 406; Brenda Chafin 168, 399b; Laura Hale, Susan Allred, and Aubrey Fannin 448t (in memory of Caleb Allred); Butch White 27; Philip Gilmore 316, 317.

Glenn Keeton led 507 as the closing song (in memory of all the singers that have passed away). He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Philip Gilmore; Secretary—Roma Rice

**OXFORD SINGING**  
**Oxford, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

The 26th Oxford All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in June at Botley Women's Institute Hall, Oxford, United Kingdom. Co-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; Connie Des Marais 171; David Garman 133; Toby Goss 38b; Mandy Townsend 532; Mick Verrier 163t; Joe Vickers 458; Dave Townsend 127; Daniel Allcock 448b; Nigel Bowley 201; Inga Buckland 285b; Ted Simonds 73t; Esme Byrd 29t; Neil Horlock 65; Jacqui Knowles 299; Joyce Smith 495; Nick Hall 560; Erin Johnson-Williams 129; Stephen Marini 198.

**RECESS**

Derek Buckland brought the class back to order leading 70t. Leaders: Seth Dickens 444; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 406; Peter Banks 474; Chris Coombs 112; Brenda Bowley 101b; Helen Brown 411; Teresa Maguire 288; Matthew Parkinson 329.

Peter Banks conducted a combined sick and housebound and memorial lesson, reflecting on how death was a continuation of life and love through the songs in the Sacred Harp. We were asked to think of the following people still with us: Cäcilia Mann, Margaret Gillanders, Jackie Johnson, and Fred Crosskey. Thoughts were also addressed to those no longer with us: Buell Cobb and Henry Guthery—Alabama, USA; Chloe Webb—Texas, USA; Roman Ratushnyi—Kyiv; Jenny Cox—Bristol; Julie Kimber-Nickelson—Oxford; Steve Biggs—Hove; Rowan Davies—Muxton; John Saunders—Birmingham; Rob Mahoney—Goring-by-Sea; Robin Nicholson—Rushlake Green; Robin Turner—Surrey; Chris Strachan—Harwich; and Bernard Collard—Cheltenham. Peter led 425 for all those named, and closed the memorial service with prayer.

Singing resumed with Ed Johnson-Williams leading 426t. Leaders: Barry Parsons 41; Rachel Jordan 565; Clara Potter-Sweet 76b; Steve Brett 316; Ted Brown 303; Amelia McVennon 30t; Toby Goss 481; Neil Horlock 448t; Jacqui Knowles 496. Jess Nock offered thanks for the mid-day meal.

**LUNCH**

The first afternoon session commenced with Dave Garman leading 284. Leaders: Connie Des Marais 189; Joyce Smith 36t; Nick Hall 455; Erin Johnson-Williams 280; Sheila Girling Macadam 550; Esme Byrd 564; Mick Verrier 362 (in memory of Bernard Collard); Barry Parsons 216; Stephen Marini 236; Inga Buckland and Edwin Macadam 553; Teresa Maguire 440; Joe Vickers 202; Clara Potter-Sweet 328; Seth Dickens 111b; Matthew Parkinson 345b; Edwin Macadam 528; Derek Buckland 368; Brenda Bowley 318; Ted Simonds 504; Dave Townsend 183.

**RECESS**

The final session commenced with Bridget McVennon-Morgan leading 131b.

Leaders: Nigel Bowley 175; Bridget Walker 106; Rachel Jordan 475; Steve Brett 505; Dilwyn Scott 40; Morgan Kist 147t; Helen Brown 208; Ed Johnson-Williams 539; Mandy Townsend 203; Chris Coombs 314; Ted Brown 546; Peter Banks 473; Dilwyn

Scott 268; visitors from Continental Europe 193; visitors from USA 86; Kitchen Helpers 324; singers with birthdays in June and July 551; Oisin Kidson-Ireland 290. The Secretary reported fifty-five singers had registered from the UK, Germany, and USA, and eighty-one songs had been led by thirty-eight leaders. The Treasurer reported all the day's expenses had been met. Sheila Girling Macadam and Connie Des Marais thanked everyone who helped in any way to make this singing a success. It was agreed the 27th Oxford All-Day Singing should be held at the Botley Women's Institute Hall on Saturday 27 June 2026.

Sheila Girling Macadam, Edwin Macadam, Connie Des Marais and David Garman led 347 as the closing song. Derek Buckland offered the closing prayer, after which the class was dismissed.

Co-Chairs—Sheila Girling Macadam and Connie Des Marais; Vice Chairman—David Garman; Treasurer—Edwin Macadam; Secretaries—Toby Goss and Nick Hall

## **VICTORIAN SACRED HARP SINGING**

**Melbourne, Australia**

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**

The 10th annual Victorian All-Day Singing was held at the bluestone hall of Brunswick Uniting Church, Brunswick, Victoria, Australia. The Chairperson, Chris Phillips, led 49t as the opening song, offered an Acknowledgement of Country to the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, and welcomed singers to the All-Day Singing. The Chaplain, Alexis Halverson, offered the opening prayer.

Shawn Whelan taught an introductory singing school on the unique style Sacred Harp singing and practice. The singing school included practice of determining intervals using the shapes and singing 49t.

Leaders: Chris Phillips 228; Angharad Davis 81t; Natalie Sims 67; Lauren Reader 417; Shawn Whelan 276; Meg Quinlisk 38t; Chris Phillips 448b; Angharad Davis 222; Natalie Sims 480; Lauren Reader 179; Shawn Whelan 472.

A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Chris Phillips; Secretary—Lauren Reader; Chaplain—Alexis Halverson; Memorial Lesson—Bridget Harilaou; Treasurer—Natalie Sims; Arranging Committee—Natalie Sims, Shawn Whelan and Melanie Albrecht; Registration Committee—Myfanwy Godfrey and Rory Walker; Food Committee—Naomi Colville; Aaron Jelbart, Myfanwy Godfrey. The business session was closed. Melanie Albrecht led 455.

### **RECESS**

Meg Quinlisk led 29t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Chris Phillips and Zeb Olsen 547; Rory Walker 457; Lauren Reader 163t; Myfanwy Godfrey 178; Alexis Halverson 277; Natalie Sims 113; Ruth McNamara and Alex McNamara 274t; Angharad Davis 173; Shawn Whelan 77b; Meg Quinlisk 200; Chris Phillips 236; Lauren Reader 299. Alexis Halverson offered a blessing before the meal.

### **LUNCH**

Natalie Sims led 63 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Meg Quinlisk 430; Myfanwy Godfrey 38b; Chris Phillips 142; Angharad Davis 453; Alexis Halverson 39t; Ruth McNamara 481; Lauren Reader 102; Rory Walker 117; Natalie Sims 506; Meg Quinlisk 383.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bridget Harilaou. The following sick and shut-ins were named: Peter Rayner, Morag Logan, Nerilee Newton, Margaret Davis. The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Tom Whelan, Guinefort, Michael Sherrin, Braedon Gearman, Marshall and thirteen more to drugs, Mary Page, and Buell Cobb. Shawn Whelan led 163b.

Leaders: Natalie Sims 475; Meg Quinlisk 454; Myfanwy Godfrey 535; Chris Phillips 135; Angharad Davis 543; Alexis Halverson 110; Ruth McNamara 77t.

## RECESS

Lauren Reader led 131b to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Jill Griffiths 84; Rory Walker 34b; Shawn Whelan and Meg Quinlisk 198; Meg Quinlisk 269; Angharad Davis 170; Chris Phillips 227; Natalie Sims 320; Myfanwy Godfrey 146; Ruth McNamara 540; Lauren Reader and Angharad Davis 263; Chris Phillips and Rory Walker 86; Shawn Whelan 106; Ruth McNamara, Lauren Reader and Naomi Colville 46; Meg Quinlisk and Angharad Davis 546.

The Chairperson 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 twenty-one singers from two states had sung sixty songs led by twelve 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. Alexis Halverson offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Chris Phillips; Secretary—Lauren Reader

## NEW HOPE SINGING

### New Hope #1 Memorial Church, Cullman County, Alabama

Sunday, June 22, 2025

The annual New Hope Sacred Harp Singing was held on the fourth Sunday June. The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Christopher Mann leading 49t. 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 31t; Butch White 29b, 84; Judy Caudle 144, 129; Nancy Lee Brown 335, 358; Londa Pate 72b, 63; Delone Cobbs 73t, 127; Hazel Heinze 551, 68b; John Lowe 340, 153; Mary Holcombe 503, 565; Cindy Mann 146, 159; Tom Booth 348b, 475; Susan Allred 76b, 499. A trustee of the cemetery committee, Keith Williams, gave a financial update on the status of the cemetery, a brief history of the annual singing held at the church building, and thanked the singers for attending. Class was dismissed for lunch and a prayer was offered by Mr. Williams.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Christopher Mann leading 27 (in memory of Buell Cobb) to bring the class together. Leaders: Jim Pate 30t, 31b; Marlin Beasley 77t, 61 (in memory of Juanita Beasley); Joyce White 282, 480; Nancy Lee Brown 274t, 457; Butch White 535; Hazel Heinze 413; Cindy Mann 145b, 47b; Delone Cobbs 369, 388; Susan Allred 56t, 112; Mary Holcombe 354b, 56b; Christopher Mann 512, 354t, 569b. Judy Caudle took the opportunity to remind everyone of the upcoming Camp Fasola and encouraged anyone interested to attend. Announcements were made. Christopher Mann led 62 as the closing song. Marlin Beasley dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Christopher Mann; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Amber Mann

## OLD SONGS BOOK SINGING

### Altamont, New York

Saturday, June 28, 2025

*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.

Leaders: Eric Bean 48t; Karl Dise 320; Ginny Huszagh 159; Kathy Chillemi 31t; Jocelyn Kurtze 101t; Jeremy Picker 160b; Candis Bailey 40; Chris Haller 99; Doug Kurtze 362; Barbara Swetman 313b; Katie Reimers 547; Jean Seiler 142; David

Rosenberg 34b; Laura Densmore 370; Eric Bean 146; Ginny Huszagh 148; Kathy Chillemi 276; Jocelyn Kurtze 448t; Candis Bailey 277; Chris Haller 267. New singers were directed to resources about Sacred Harp and how to locate local singings, after which the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Eric Bean; Secretary—Ginny Huszagh

## UNION MUSICAL SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION

Sweetwater Chapel, Lawrenceville, Georgia

June 28-29, 2025

### Saturday, June 28

The 155th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in June. The class was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lauren Bock leading 31t. Judy Mincey offered the opening prayer. Tom George directed the introductory lesson. To recognize the upcoming new revision of the Sacred Harp, he led songs that were added to the book in 20th century revisions. Tom George led 549, 506, 477, 354t, 330b, 325, 26, and 507. Leaders: Shawn Taylor 67; David Smead 99; Lisa Bennett 141; Jesse P. Karlsberg 462; James Burrell 30t; Bill DuPre 201; Helen Bryson 546 (for Karen Rollins); Malinda Snow 569b; David Brodeur 140; Scott DePoy 277; John Plunkett 125; Pat Lowder 236; Jake Harmon and Lorene Harmon 542; Joan Durdin 148.

### RECESS

Leaders: Malinda Snow 87; Delaney Waters and Andy Ditzler 86.

A business session was held and the following officers elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Shawn Taylor; Vice Chair—Andy Ditzler; Secretary—David Smead; Treasurer—Lisa Bennett; Arranging Committee—Jesse P. Karlsberg and Anna Hinton; Chaplain—Judy Mincey; Memorial Committee—Sasha Hsuczyk and Bill DuPre; Locating Committee—Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur; Finance Committee—Lisa Bennett; Resolutions Committee—Esther Morgan-Ellis, Lily Hammond, and Cooper Sandefur.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 89; Christy Sinksen 448t; Tony Hammock 112; Jane Cannon 466; Matt Hinton 182; Phillip Langley 272; Cameron Adams 479; Isaac Green 242; Sasha Hsuczyk 422; Cooper Sandefur 70b; Lisa Bennett 318; Bill Hollingsworth 320; Bert Collins 97; Caroline Barron 268; Judy Mincey 301; Glenda Collins 300; Andy Ditzler 386.

### LUNCH

Phillip Langley called the class to order leading 100. Leaders: Jeremiah Ledbetter 412; Lily Hammond 328; Rebekah Gilmore 411; Jonathan Wood 407; James George and Tonia Edmondson 354b; Jose Camacho 280; Anita Landess 137; Dami Osoba 538; Becca Harrington 547; Paul Chamberlain 562; Philip Gilmore 498; Jenny Solheim 384; Esther Morgan-Ellis 151 (in memory of Betty Florence); Gail Doss 504; Maygan Barker 72b; Seth Rutledge 107; Jim Solheim 378b; Adrian Eldridge 344; Dean Jens 536; Tom George 530; Rachel Speer 54; Laura Akerman 532.

### RECESS

Lucey Rose Karlsberg and Lauren Bock brought the class to order leading 146.

Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 39b; Marjorie Harrington and Becca Harrington 39t; Isaac Green 476 (for Judy Henry); Anton Popov 128; Philip Gilmore 47b; Jose Camacho 196; Delaney Waters and David Brodeur 288; Rebekah Gilmore 276; Jeremiah Ledbetter 437; Christy Sinksen 29b; Cameron Adams 178; Jake Harmon 408.

After announcements, Shawn Taylor and Andy Ditzler led 129 as the closing song. Judy Mincey offered the closing prayer.

### **Sunday, June 29**

Shawn Taylor called the class to order leading 220. Judy Mincey offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 558; David Smead 70t; Lisa Bennett 380; Judy Mincey 475; Jesse P. Karlsberg 254; James Burrell 33b; Scott DePoy 201; David Brodeur 228; Matt Hinton 234; Helen Bryson 411; Bill DuPre 385t; Sasha Hsuczyk 101b; Sandra Wilkinson 155; John Plunkett 492; Pat Lowder 198; Erica Hinton 83t; Jeannette DePoy 565; Lauren Bock 275b; Cathy Bonk 59; Esther Morgan-Ellis 351; Dan Edwards 497.

#### **RECESS**

John Plunkett brought the class to order leading 467. Leaders: Michael Spencer 191; Idy Kiser 448t; Valerie Coe Lowder and Andy Ditzler 277; Cody Gonzalez 117; Maygan Barker and Rachel Speer 417; Lisa Bennett 56b; Jim Solheim 318; Gail Doss and Jesse P. Karlsberg 232; Adrian Eldridge 434; Lily Hammond 383; Anna Hinton 142.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sasha Hsuczyk and Bill DuPre. Sasha Hsuczyk spoke about how beautiful it is that Sacred Harp has a ritual of recognizing those who can't be with us, and reminded us to reach out to those who are shut-in. The sick and shut-ins list included Ed and Margaret Thacker, Cecil Roberts, Beth Ballinger Wallace, Judy Henry, Don Bowen, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Cornelia van den Doel, Paul Sandefur, and Cindy Preece. Sasha Hsuczyk led 227 for the sick and shut-ins.

Bill DuPre read the list of the deceased: Susan Johnson, Bob Goodman, and Susan Morgan—Georgia; Lucy Heidorn, Buell Cobb, Julia Poston, Henry Guthery, and Pauline Oliver—Alabama; John Acton and Susan Fethcho—California; John Smead—Missouri; Phil Perrin—North Carolina; Chloe Webb and Tom Kane—Texas; Ginette Lavoie—Canada; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Kennedy—Ireland; Rob Mahoney—United Kingdom. Bill encouraged the class to share their stories with others about the people on this list, and together strengthen the community. Bill DuPre led 176t for the deceased. Judy Mincey closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Samantha Adioetomo 503; Anita Landess 379; Seth Rutledge 313b.

#### **LUNCH**

Anna Hinton brought the class back to order leading 203. Leaders: Jonathan Wood 355; Becca Harrington 79; Anabel Gravel Chabot 121; Jonathon Smith 505; Anne Evers 384; Susan Loucks 70b; Rachel Speer 208; Gillian Inksetter 377; Paul Chamberlain 524; Eléa Regembal 564; Dami Osoba 260; Dean Jens 174; Jenny Solheim 216; Nathan Rees 449 (in memory of Buell Cobb); Tom Evers 229; Anton Popov 551; Cooper Sandefur 163t; Malinda Snow 472; Lucey Karlsberg and Jesse P. Karlsberg 274t.

#### **RECESS**

Matt Hinton brought the class back to order leading 99. Leaders: Lily Hammond 183; Seth Rutledge 49t; Maygan Barker and Rachel Speer 159; Eléa Regembal and Anabel Gravel Chabot 474; Samantha Adioetomo 528; Gillian Inksetter 132; Jonathon Smith 296; Jenny Solheim and Jim Solheim 218; Susan Loucks 454; Paul Chamberlain 464; Dami Osoba 29t; Dean Jens 375; Adrian Eldridge 406; Tom Evers and Anne Evers 501; Becca Harrington and Marjorie Harrington 348t; Anton Popov 500.

The convention entered into a business session for the purpose of hearing reports. The class voted to hold the 156th session of the Union Musical Sacred Harp Convention on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in May. Lisa Bennett gave the Financial report, and reported that expenses were met. The Resolutions Report was presented by Esther Morgan-Ellis, Lily Hammond, and Cooper Sandefur, who

thanked everyone who helped to make the convention possible. The reports were approved and the business session was closed.

After announcements, Shawn Taylor and Andy Ditzler led 418 as the closing song. Judy Mincey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Shawn Taylor; Vice Chair—Andy Ditzler; Secretary—David Smead

**INDEPENDENCE DAY SINGING**  
**Union Methodist Church, Wellington, Alabama**  
**Monday, June 30, 2025**

The class was called to order by Rene Greene leading page 63. The morning prayer was offered by Samuel Sommers. A business meeting was held to elect the following officers: Chair—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Pam Nunn.

Leaders: Sam Sommers 358; Pam Nunn 186; Winfred Kerr 146; Bert Collins 142; Donna Bell 383; Robb Tibbs 117; Mitchell Gustin 189; Susan Louch 270; Dean Jens 545; Cooper Sandefur 48b; Will Fitzgerald 184; Samantha Adioetomo 37b; Lisa Bennett 346; Elea Regembal 394; Esther Morgan-Ellis 110; Gioia Fonda 168; Glenda Collins 454; Adrian Eldridge 455; Robert Chambliss 303; Shawn Taylor 188.

**RECESS**

Sam Sommers led 437 to bring the class together. Leaders: Rachel Hall 329; Paul Chamberlain 242; Marjorie Harrington 178; Shannon Tibbs 42; Andy Ditzler 465; Darrell Lahm 551; Karen Rollins 213b; Anabel Gravel Chabot 207; Jonas Powell 68b; Anita Landess 297; Jim Solheim 440; David Smead 441; Shelby Castillo 208; Lilly Hammond 299; Becca Harrington 47; Dami Osoba 126; Nicholas Thompson 217; Cora Wareh and Pattie Wareh 86; Emily Stutzman 451; David Ivey 266; Anton Popov 278b. The pastor of the Church, Dale Ohmstead, gave a prayer of blessing.

**LUNCH**

Rene Greene led 216 to begin the afternoon session. Rene Greene and Pam Nunn led 556, 183, and 269 as a tribute to their parents, Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard, and in memory of their grandparents. Leaders: Bridge Hill Kennedy 391; Andy Ditzler 254; Chris Parris 52t; Calvin Jens, Landon Kiser, and Mark Jones 87; Cora Wareh, Pattie Wareh, and Emily Stutzman 268; Bridge Hill Kennedy and Anton Popov 196; Shelbie Castillo and Dami Osobo 426b; Becca Harrington, Lily Hammond, and David Smead 112; Jenn Solheim, Maygan Barker, and David Brodeur 283; Rachel Speer, Jim Solheim and Anita Landess 61; Jonas Powell, Anabel Gravel Chabot, and Karen Rollins 340. Announcements were made.

Rene Greene led 542 as the closing song. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Rene Greene; Vice Chairman—Samuel Sommers; Secretary—Pam Nunn

**CAMP FASOLA 2025; YOUTH AND ADULT**  
**Camp Lee, Anniston, Alabama**  
**June 30 - July 4, 2025**  
**Monday, June 30**

**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. Bridge Hill Kennedy welcomed the class, and then led 37b. Blake Sisemore offered the opening prayer. Leaders and selections: Rachel Speer, Dean Jens, and Calvin Jens 53; Taylor Cook 146; Blake Sisemore, Kason Stone, Joseph Watts, Toby Bagley, Elijah Harris, and Rob Tibbs 276;

Meredith Ivey, Everett Ivey, and Kelsey Ivey 153; Nicholas Thompson and Abigail Cannon 336; Alex Forsyth, Cecil Godfrey, Leon Godfrey, Mark Jones, and Landon Kiser 59; Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur 542; Lauren Bock, Jesse P Karlsberg, Lucey Rose Karlsberg, and Hattie Karlsberg 377; Gillian Inksetter, Sasha Hsuczyk, Mamie Sisemore, Grace Whitener, and Vivian Ivey 33b; Cathay Bonk and Bill DuPre 155; David Ivey and Chris Parris 421; Lily Hammond and Esther Morgan-Ellis 344; Anne Evers and Tom Evers 565; Adrian Eldridge and Rob Tibbs 77t; Troy Sherman, Jonathon Smith, and Nathan Rees 408; Lela Crowder and Pam Nunn 186; Jenny Solheim and James Solheim 318; James George, Tom George, Sarah George, and Levi Trumbore 56t; Karen Ivey and Allison Ivey 182; Cara Wareh and Pattie Wareh 178; Jerusha Wheeler and Shawn Taylor 362; Samuel Sommers and Rachel Hall 200; Idy Kiser and Anna Hinton 208.

Gillian Inksetter presented the following devotional: As I was reflecting on what I wanted to say this evening, my mind went blank. "Sure I'll do the devotional", I said and immediately all thought left my mind. I got nervous and had to trust that something would inspire me. What came to my mind was my first time at Camp FaSoLa, and how life changing it was for me. I was so nervous and excited and nervous, but it was great! I made a ton of friends. I un-learned some bad habits. I talked more about Sacred Harp in my community. I learned a lot about the book, and most important in my view, it planted me firmly in a living tradition. There is a passage in the book of Jeremiah that says stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths where the good way lies, and walk in it. I had an Old Testament professor who said a prophet is someone who has one foot rooted in the past and is also looking to the future. I think we're like prophets. We are learning and preserving this tradition, while we eagerly and nervously await the arrival of the new edition of the Sacred Harp tune book. So, whether this is your first time at camp, whether you've been here many times, whether you're a brand new singer, or have been singing your whole life, we are all at a crossroads of one kind or another. Even the most exciting crossroads can bring anxiety because from our own perspective, we can't see what's around the corner. We have to trust! Trust the tradition, trust the camp organizers and staff, trust the revision committee, trust the Divine, and all will be well.

Bridge Hill Kennedy led 440 as the closing song. Blake Sisemore offered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed to enjoy an ice cream social until 9:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, July 1**

Campers could elect to hike Camp Lee trails, Pilates exercise, 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-Basics.** Teacher: **Samuel Sommers** 9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Sam welcomed the class, led 88t, and then offered prayer. He noted that the only requirement to sing Sacred Harp is the desire to sing. He discussed the seven modes of time and how to beat time for each. The class discussed the various types of repeats and how to sing them and lead them. Campers practiced leading skills. Leaders and selections: Samuel Sommers 569t; Deborah Taube 133; Emily Raffensberger 111t; Helen Cepero 323t; Susan Louckis 547; David Brodeur 420; Anabel Gravel-Chabot 65; Darrell Lahm 378t. Sam led 348b, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments I / Adult Emphasis-Advanced.** Teacher: **Nathan Rees** 9:00 a.m. Genesis Lodge. Nathan introduced himself and welcomed the class. He began by having a short discussion of Sacred Harp trivia, and then directed attention to the major scale stating that focus should be on rhythm / time, dynamics, and melody. The class practiced singing the major scale. Nathan directed the class in practicing singing intervals: 5ths, 4ths, 2nds, and 7ths. The class sang the major scales in parallel 3rds and 5ths, and then discussed the difference in the sound of those chords.

The class sang the song on page 82t, in four parts. Nathan drew attention to the very impactful sound of the 4th interval at the beginning of the chorus. Nathan and the class discussed rhythm and time signatures. A question was presented about the difference between 2/2 and 4/4 time. Mathematically, they are the same. In Sacred Harp music they help indicate tempo. For example, compare Old Hundred (in 2/2) to Bear Creek (in 4/4). The class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments I / Youth Emphasis-Basics.** **Teacher: Lauren Bock** 9:00 a.m. The Ark. Lauren called the class to order. She invited singers to share things they like about Sacred Harp singing. She then gave some definitions for new singers: sound, music, pitch, volume, rhythm, etc. She described the hollow square, song anatomy, and also, the shapes that represent the tones of the musical scale. The class sang 45t. The class practiced singing the major scale. Recess. Lauren and campers created a human scale for the purpose of practicing sounding the notes, and by moving campers around creating intervals, the class practiced singing. Lauren described note durations, rest durations, time signatures, and the class practiced beating time. The class sang 49t. RECESS. Lauren referred to page 15 in Rudiments. She reviewed character durations and described measures. Lauren defined the seven modes of time in the Sacred Harp. The class practiced building measures and singing them together. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Learning Songs / Basics.** **Teacher: Richard Ivey** 10:45 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Richard welcomed the class and led 101t. He and the class discussed some strategies for learning songs, such as audio and video recordings, attending singings, and sitting beside experienced singers. Richard led songs to practice different aspects of music. Richard Ivey 48t, 38b, 208, 228, 318, 448t, 417; Nicholas Thompson 304; Richard Ivey 178; Judy Caudle 459; Bill DuPre 454. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Dr. Watts.** **Teacher: Will Fitzgerald** 10:45 a.m. Genesis Lodge. Will Fitzgerald called the class to order, and Mitchell Gustin offered a prayer. Becca Harrington led 28b. Will described Dr. Watts as a poet, hymnodist, logician, theologian, and preacher. There are over one hundred fifty songs in the Sacred Harp with words from Watts' poetry and/or hymns. Watts studied at the Dissenting Academy at Stoke Newington, London. Watts preached his first sermons in Freeby, Leicestershire. He was apparently an inspiring preacher. Because of health issues in 1712, he went to stay with Sir Thomas Abney in Hertfordshire, and remained with the Abneys for the rest of his life. Rachel Hall led 96, with words from a handout. Tom Evers led 229, with words from a handout. Dean Jens led 181, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: The Denson Revision (1936) of The Sacred Harp.** **Teacher: Jesse P. Karlsberg** 1:00 p.m. Jesse welcomed the class and distributed pamphlets outlining the topic. An excerpt from the writings of Ruth Denson Edwards follows: In 1933; Thomas Jackson Denson organized the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, Inc. This company purchased the book and all legal rights from the J.S. James family, and in 1934 he began the work of revising the James book. He died while the work was in progress, but the revision work was not destined to fail, for his older son, Colonel Paine Denson, of Birmingham, Alabama, fulfilled his father's mission by completing the revision in 1936. The book was then entitled the *Original Sacred Harp, Denson Revision*. Many of the tunes added to the book were composed by Denson family members.

Leaders: Samantha Adioetomo and Cooper Sandefur 283; Andy Ditzler 295; Tom George and James George 197; Jerusha Wheeler 392; Anton Popov and Lily Hammond 455; Esther Morgan-Ellis 411; Dean Jens 399t; Dami Osoba Endless Praise (1936); Paul Chamberlain 454. The class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Learning Songs / Youth.** **Teachers: Sasha Hsuczyk and Blake Sisemore** 1:00 p.m. The Ark. Blake and Sasha led 46 to bring the class together. The campers

and teachers discussed the anatomy of a song: major or minor music, time signature (how many beats per measure and tempo), repeats, start to sing on downbeat or upbeat, and option to bring in parts. Campers turned to page 59 and noted the following characters: time signature indicates 4 beats to each measure, rest at the beginning, sing on upbeat, fermata, and repeats. The class sang 59. Leaders: Mark Jones 274t; Toby Bagley, Kason Stone, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 117; Toby Bagley 457. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Introduction to Leading.** **Teacher: Gillian Inksetter** 2:15 p.m. Gillian welcomed the class, and began with a short question and answer session about things to do when leading and things not to do when leading. She reviewed number 12 on page 16 of the Rudiments. Gillian led 47t, 48t, and 45t. Anton Popov led 490. The class turned to page 448t, and Gillian explained mandatory repeats and optional repeats. The class turned to page 171. Gillian talked about tempo, and changing tempo without stopping the song. She addressed tempo again using the song on page 503. Gillian demonstrated a preparatory gesture using both songs on page 448. Leaders: Emily Raffensberger 56b; Annie Reynolds 277; Jon Adler 327. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Attributions in *The Sacred Harp*.** **Teacher: Rachel Hall** 2:15 p.m. Genesis Lodge. Rachel Speer brought the class together by leading 82t. Rachel Hall welcomed the class. She said that almost all songs in the 1991 edition, and all songs in the 2025 edition, have the words author or source and the composer's name in the attributions. She recommended reading *The Makers of the Sacred Harp* by Warren Steel to learn more. Attributions had different styles in different editions of the Sacred Harp, such as footnotes in the 1911 edition with anecdotes about authors and composers or alto attributions which were removed in the 1991 edition. In the 2025 edition, there will be separate voice part and verse attributions, a composer and music source index, and an author and text source index. Cooper Sandefur led 47b (*Kentucky Harmony*). Rachel explained the differences of "arr.", "arr. from", and "alt.". June Murphy led 98, arranged by E.J. King from a Tory newspaper text, with alto by S.M. Denson. Jesse P Karlsberg led 185, after the class learned about changes in its words and music throughout the years. Esther Morgan-Ellis led 68b as an example of a song "arranged from". Daniel Lee led 410t. Many Sacred Harp songs from the early 1800s came from the camp meeting tradition. Revival choruses generally have unknown authors. Many camp meeting songs come from Black spirituals. Sasha Hsuczyk led 345b as an example, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Scales and Intervals.** **Teacher: Gillian Inksetter** 3:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Gillian began by leading 76t, and stated that the song was a good one for interval practice. She gave the class definitions of a scale, an interval, and melodic: all things having to do with pleasing musical tones and the relationships among them. The class practiced singing scales. Then Gillian focused the class on singing major scale intervals. David Brodeur led 358 and 459. The class turned to page 218 and practiced singing the tenor runs. Gillian introduced the minor scale, and the class sang with her, focusing on the intervals. Anne Evers led 411. There was discussion on sight reading music, and the class shared tips and suggestions for practice. The class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Design of a New Shape-Note Typeface for *The Sacred Harp*.** **Teachers: Jesse P Karlsberg and Jeff Kellem** 3:30 p.m. Genesis Lodge. Jesse began by telling the class about early prints of tunebooks. The Easy Instructor was printed through the use of engraved plates. Cases of these metal types, shown in a picture portion of a handout, were arranged in matrices to print music. Collins was a printing firm in Philadelphia that was hired to print tunebooks.

Jesse introduced Jeff Kellem, a music and text typeface designer and the owner of Slanted Hall Type Foundry in San Francisco, California. Jeff is a member of ASCAP,

a voting member of the Recording Academy, and 2nd Vice President of the ASMAC (American Society of Music Arrangers and Composers) Board of Directors. Jeff talked about the efforts made to maintain consistency and legibility throughout the new book. He talked about achieving a clean design through the use of computers and notation software. There was a question and answer session, and then the class was dismissed.

**Elective: How to beat the 7 modes of time / Youth. Teacher: Jonathon Smith**

3:30 p.m. The Ark. Jonathan led 59 to bring the class together. He reviewed modes of time by referring to the Rudiments, pages 15—16. There are three modes of common time (2/2, 2/4, and 4/4); two modes of triple time (3/2 and 3/4); and two modes of compound time (6/4 and 6/8). The top number denotes how many; the bottom number denotes what kind. In each measure of music, the number “how many” will also denote the beats. For example, the time signature 3/4 means three quarter notes or equivalent to fill a measure and each note gets a beat. Leaders: Mamie Sisemore 65; Elijah Harris 43; Mark Jones and Kason Stone 569b; Everett Ivey and Joseph Watts 347; Calvin Jens and Landon Kiser 207; Meredith Ivey 76b; Toby Bagley 146; Avaré Gass and Rob Tibbs 45t; Kason Stone, Taylor Cook, and Mark Jones 72b; Mamie Sisemore, Avaré Gass, and Meredith Ivey 37b. The class was dismissed.

**Keying Music. Teachers: Lauren Bock and David Ivey** 4:45 p.m. Genesis Lodge. David Ivey noted that keying classes may have started at Camp FaSoLa with much assistance from Jeff Sheppard. David talked about different approaches to finding the tone and the importance of listening when learning to key. Lauren Bock discussed ranges of notes in songs (fa to fa, for example). Samantha Adioetomo, Will Fitzgerald, and Daniel Lee also offered advice on keying. Leaders and keyers: Randy Neufeld 29t; Daryl Chesney 277; Paul Chamberlain 504; Bridge Hill Kennedy 460. David ended the class with a homework assignment: to help the keyers by being good class singers, waiting silently until the key is sounded, and then sounding your part's opening note. The class was dismissed.

**Class Singing** 7:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. The class was called to order by Paul Chamberlain leading 46. Leaders: David Smead, Lisa Bennett, and Dami Osoba 165; Jeff Kellem and Rachel Hall 302; Bridge Hill Kennedy, Mitchell Gustin, and Rebecca Harrington 276; Avaré Gass, Shelby Castillo, Meredith Ivey, and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 354b; Emily Stutzman and Mark Jones 361; Daniel Lee, Anton Popov, and Cooper Sandefur 378b; Samantha Adioetomo and Susan Loucks 215; Elea Regambel and Anabel Gravel-Chabot 500; Gillian Inksetter and June Murphy 501; Emily Raffensberger, Jonas Powell, and José Martinez 479; Judy Caudle, Gioia Fonda, and Rowan Marye 113; Jeannette DePoy, Jeanne Plekon, and Jacob Lindler 421; Richard Ivey, Lydia LaRoux, Seth Rutledge, and Maygan Barker 277; Paula Oliver, Daryl Chesney, and Leanne Carter 86; Randy Neufeld, Anita Landess, Lori Rodgers, and Helen Cepero 99; Patricia Davis and Will Fitzgerald 504; Jon Adler and Annie Reynolds 287; Darrell Lahm, Deborah Taube, and Shannon Tibbs 515; Taylor Cook and Joshua Herron 59; Cora Wareh and Anna Hinton 87; Blake Sisemore and Mamie Sisemore 388; Alex Forsyth and Rachael Geary 142; Esther Morgan-Ellis and Abigail Cannon 430; Jerusha Wheeler and Shawn Taylor 505; Vivian Ivey and Grace Whitener 45t. Paul Chamberlain led 69t as the closing song.

The devotional was given by Maygan Barker, as follows: When I first started singing I was terrified to stand here in the hollow square and lead. So many worries swirled in my head I thought it would split in two like an over ripe watermelon. A singing friend sent me a recording of his local group singing 337 Mercy's Free and suggested I carry this song in my pocket as a bit of courage when trying to lead. And you know as I've held 337 in my heart, I have seen how singers offer mercy to each other in small quiet ways. For many of us, leading and singing in a group is an act of trust:

trust in ourselves; trust in the front bench; trust in the class. I think the inverse is also true. Following a leader's lesson is an act of trust: trust that the leader will call a needed song; trust that they will lead clearly enough to follow; trust that the song will end, but the community won't. Both parties are vulnerable, and as such require a moment of mercy and grace to be given and returned. It's hard work, this singing we're doing. The good thing? As 337 teaches us, mercy's free. As we go about the rest of our week, I hope we can pause to extend mercy and grace when one of us falls short of the vision. We all are deserving of such wondrous love. It's free.

### **Wednesday, July 2**

Campers could elect to hike Camp Lee walking trails, Pilates exercise in the Ark, or sing from the *Lloyd's Hymnal* on the Dining Hall porch at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast was served at 8:00 a.m.

**Lesson: Rudiments II / Basics.** **Teacher: Samuel Sommers** 9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Sam Sommers welcomed the class, led the song on page 34b, and offered prayer. Sam and campers practiced singing scales. Sam referred to the Rudiments, page 17; Chapter III, Melodics, during the class. Troy Sherman and Gioia Fonda led 358. Shawn Taylor and Esther Morgan-Ellis led 121. Sam explained clefs. Emily Raffensberger and Darrell Lahm led 410b. Sam spoke about the difference in major and minor music. Major and minor are different modes. A song's mode is determined by the last note in the bass part, which is always the tonic note. If it's a fa, the mode is major; if it's a la, the mode is minor. Do not believe the myth that all minor music is sad. The open fifth is the same in both. Leaders: Helen Cepero and Jeanne Plekon 313b; Anne Evers 82b; Sam 385b. Sam discussed slurs and rests, stating that rests have the same integrity as notes. Leaders: Sam Sommers 254; Marjorie Harrington 132. Sam led 207, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments II / Advanced.** **Teacher: Nathan Rees** 9:00 a.m. Genesis Lodge. Nathan and the class practiced singing intervals in major and minor scales. Nathan talked about some songs in the Sacred Harp that are traditionally sung in ways other than notated, as in the songs on pages 159, 278b, and 183. The voices in the four parts of the hollow square produce dispersed harmony. That is, unique harmonies which cross each other instead of running parallel to each other. Nathan led an exercise for the class by rotating the tenor part to each of the other part sections. He led 285b, first with tenor singers singing tenor, then the bass singers sang tenor rotating the class clockwise, and so on. Nathan instructed on dotted notes. Annie Reynolds led 47t. Nathan talked about the fermata (the "bird's eye" or hold), particularly how to mark the time, hold, and begin singing again. Elea Regembal led 48t and Jon Adler led 96. Nathan also spoke about repeats stating that if a leader repeats on the shapes, they should also repeat the words on the last verse. Paul Chamberlain led 48b, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments II / Youth.** **Teacher: Lauren Bock** 9:00 a.m. The Ark. Lauren called the class to order. She talked about the differences in minor music and major music. Lauren Bock and Lucey Karlsberg led 274t. Lauren and Calvin Jens led 168. RECESS. The class reassembled, and campers formed a human minor scale. The class practiced singing the minor scale. Lauren shows and explains notes and symbols. Lauren and Vivian Ivey led 45t, and then Lauren led 64, 63, and 274b. RECESS. Campers made another human scale, and they practiced singing the scale. The class was dismissed.

Campers enjoyed snacks and recreation time.

**Elective: William Walker and his influence on The Sacred Harp.** **Teacher: Jonathon Smith** 10:45 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Jonathon welcomed the class, and distributed pamphlets to the campers. The class sang many of the tunes composed by William Walker, and published in various tunebooks including *The Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 213t; Rachel Speer "Solemn Thought"; Jonathon Smith

“French Broad”, “Solemn Call”; Esther Morgan-Ellis 146; Paul Chamberlain “An Address for All”; Patricia Davis “Invitation”; Marjorie Harrington “The Babe of Bethlehem”; Rachel Hall “Tender-Hearted Christian”; Gillian Inksetter and Samantha Adioetomo “Animation”; Jonathon Smith “Spartanburg”, “The Angel’s Whisper”, “Burning Lamp”, “I Want To Go To Glory”. Jonathon led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

**Elective: Organization and Conduct of Singings. Panel Discussion** 10:45 a.m. Genesis Lodge. Jesse P Karlsberg served as Chairman of the panel, which included Judy Caudle and Blake Sisemore. Jesse stated that singings can be structured in more or less formal ways in different communities. The class asked questions about how scripted parts/roles at the singing should be, such as in holding a business meeting, how to serve in different roles (chairman, secretary, finance, and etc.), schedule for the day, pitfalls, singing schools, and starting a new singing class. Jesse talked about the terminology of leading a lesson. He noted different ways that people can serve (leading, cooking, singing, recording) and also, seeing more formal individual roles as an act of service to the community. He referred to page 25 of the 1991 Rudiments for an overview of organization and conduct of singings.

Judy Caudle talked about the role of secretary, and many times that officer role may be introductory in nature. She noted that instructions for the submission of minutes may be found in the front pages of the Minutes Book in both hard copy and online versions. The Minutes Book can be a good resource including various reports such as Resolutions, Finance, Secretary/Arranging Committee, etc. Serving as secretary or on the arranging committee is a good way to get to know fellow singers.

Blake Sisemore spoke about serving in different roles at the singings at Liberty Church in Henagar. Planning for the singing can change over time, for example, fewer people are able to cook, so need to supplement food with catering services. He talked about the written ballot system that is used for electing Vice Chairman and Secretary. He also suggested that it can be helpful to have a bank account established for the singing.

Jesse talked about the business meeting, which is not required and can be more ceremonial, but also functional. He recommended that checking the minutes for a particular singing will yield information about when to hold a business meeting, what officers are elected, and what committees are appointed. He suggested that Roberts Rules would be a good resource for structuring a simple business meeting. He recommended Linton Ballinger’s Arranging Tips in the Huntsville Sacred Harp newsletter. The class was dismissed.

Lunch was served at noon. Campers could visit the Camp Lee Store located in the Dining Hall.

**Lesson: The 1960/1966/1971 Revisions of *The Sacred Harp*. Teacher: Nathan Rees** 1:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Nathan Rees, Lily Hammond, and Esther Morgan-Ellis led 546. Nathan said that there were some significant differences within the revision committee than in prior years: Ruth Denson Edwards was the only woman on the committee and Hugh McGraw being only 29 years of age and singing consistently only since the late 1950s. Mitchell Gustin led 500, a song by composer Hugh McGraw, added to the 1960 book. Elea Regembal led 480, another addition to the 1960 revision, and composer John T. Hocutt wrote both tune and words. Each page in the book had to be engraved for the plates to be made for the printing. This resulted in printed pages that were crowded and hard to read. Owen Denson gave one of the three quotes for the binding of the book. He ended up being the one to publish the revision.

In 1966, the revision committee wanted to improve the physical book, and replace some of the songs only added in 1960. They also updated the typeface and edited

songs. Jenny Solheim led 542, a song written by A.M. Cagle. The alto part was changed from the alto in the song previously published in 1960.

In 1970, a board meeting was held by the Sacred Harp Publishing Company to discuss the next revision. They established a new music committee and a historical committee. The revision committee mostly added historical notes and edited some voice parts. H.N. (Bud) McGraw, Tom McGraw, and A.M. Cagle passed away before the completion of the 1971 revision. Nathan Rees led 521, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Learning Songs / Youth. Teachers: Alex Forsyth and Gillian Inksetter**

1:00 p.m. The Ark. Gillian and Alex introduced the STARS system. The acronym stands for Signature, Tempo, Accent, Rests, Stuff. They instructed that these components will help campers to learn a song they wish to lead. Each student leader chose a song, and related the STARS criteria, and then led the song. Leaders: Toby Bagley 457; Mamie Sisemore 65; Kason Stone 480; Grace Whitener 276; Everett Ivey 274b; Alex Forsyth and Gillian Inksetter 333; Kason Stone 145t; Mark Jones 146; Calvin Jens 481. The class was dismissed.

Campers could choose recreation (swimming, canoeing, or crafts) or electives.

**Elective: The Afternoon Session. Teacher: Tom George** 2:15 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Tom brought the class together by leading 270. He spoke of a number of things that make the afternoon session a success. There is high energy after enjoying a good meal and fellowship. Front row singers should strive to be engaged with the leaders, and help maintain energy throughout each section: beat time from the seats, sing out, accent, and stay present. Tom related some thoughts from Buell Cobb on convention etiquette, such as limit verses and make good song choices. Tom stated that Terry Wootten gave similar advice saying that there is a time and place for everything. Leaders: Blake Sisemore 373; Andy Ditzler 411; Alex Forsyth 216; David Smead 203; Samantha Adioetomo 542; Abigail Cannon 187; Nicholas Thompson 436; Paul Chamberlain 280; David Brodeur 222; Dami Osoba 506; Rachael Geary 426t; Levi Trumbore 186; Jon Adler 228; Seth Rutledge 163t; Anne Evers 290. There was discussion with Tom and Blake about arranging the afternoon session. Tom led 348b, and the class was dismissed.

**Elective: Meter in *The Sacred Harp*. Teacher: Samuel Sommers** 2:15 p.m.

Genesis Lodge. Sam welcomed the class, and led the song on page 124 using words from Amazing Grace. Sam instructed the campers that knowledge of meter is not required in order to sing, but adds another layer to the experience. Esther Morgan-Ellis led 85. This song is an example of 7s & 6s meter with a revival chorus. The building blocks of meters are two syllable feet called iambs and trochees. Jenney Solheim led 33t. Isaac Watts wrote poems in three meters which he called common meter, short meter, and long meter. The stress or emphasis of the words is the vehicle for the music. Becca Harrington led 30t. Music in the iambic meter usually starts on a pickup, while the trochaic meter starts on the beat. Samuel Sommers led the song on page 384, which is an example of poetic emphasis and musical accent in conflict. Darrell Lahm led 100 and Samuel Sommers led 76t. The class identified the foot and meter of various poetic examples. Rachel Hall led 342; Emily Raffensberger led 512, and Samuel Sommers led 62. The class was dismissed.

**Lesson: The Memorial Lesson. Teacher: Kelsey Ivey** 3:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Kelsey Ivey brought the class to order by leading the song on page 564. Kelsey discussed the logistics and operations of the memorial lesson. She shared a memory of going with a group to sing for Jimmy Denney when he was in a nursing home. Afterwards, Kelsey decided that she could never stop singing for those who are homebound or sick because it is too important. Kelsey led 111t. Kelsey shared another story about singing with a group for Joann Bowman at the end of her life. Kelsey led 448b, and introduced the memorial committee.

Elea Regembal read aloud the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Joyce Walton, Nate Green, Bill Denney, Cecil Roberts Judy Henry, Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Cornelia van den Doel; CJ Delfino, Ben Shirey, Dan Phemayotin, Larry Ballinger, Paula Springfield, Margaret Keeton, Beth Wallace, Janet Fraemb, Peggy Brayfield, Terry Hogg, Don Bowen, Michael Cleary, and James Morgan. Elea led 70t.

Annie Reynolds read aloud the following list of names of the deceased: Buell Cobb, Earl Ballinger, Lucy Heidorn, Julia Poston, Henry Guthery, Pauline Oliver, Theresa Bethune, Ozella Blackmon, Malik Williams, and Chris Shepherd—Alabama; Bob Goodman, Susan Johnson, Hazel Lingerfelt—Georgia; Tom Tucker, David Bennett, Donelle Raffensberger—Pennsylvania; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin; Laurie Woodall—Indiana; Susan Fecho—California; Chloe Webb—Texas; Jeff Bell—Minnesota; Sloane Spencer Pennington and Thomas Reynolds—Oregon; Stephanie Weigel Dougal—Massachusetts; Alfred Sausotte—Colorado; Phil Perrin—North Carolina; John Smead—Missouri; Ginette Lavoie—Canada; John Bennett—Germany; Rob Mahoney—United Kingdom. Annie led 37b in memory of the deceased. Bill DuPre offered prayer to close the memorial service. The class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Leading Practice / Youth. Teachers: Sasha Hsuczyk and Tom George**  
3:30 p.m. The Ark. Sasha and Tom helped campers develop leading skills. Leaders: Kason Stone 74b; Vivian Ivey 46; Avaré Gass 64; Everett Ivey 565; Grace Whitener 421; Meredith Ivey, Vivian Ivey, and Grace Whitener 163t; Mamie Sisemore, Haven Carter, Kason Stone, and Joseph Watts 208; Mark Jones, Rob Tibbs, and Elijah Harris 385b. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Etiquette and Unwritten Observations of Sacred Harp. Teacher: Sarah George** 4:45 p.m. Genesis Lodge. The class was brought together by Abigail Cannon leading 166. Nicholas Thompson led 200 and Emily Stutzman led 84. Sarah spoke on values that help Sacred Harp singers respect each other and how to take care of folks in the community. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Leading Workshop. Teacher: Bridge Hill Kennedy** 4:45 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Bridge welcomed the class, and led the song on 31t. Bridge made comments about communication, community, and grace as applies to standing in the hollow square. Campers led song selections while Bridge offered support and instruction. Leaders: Helen Cepero 133; Darrell Lahn 378b; Emily Raffensberger 344; Troy Sherman 38b; Patricia Davis 384; Cathy Bonk 198; Marjorie Harrington 159; Rowan Marye 455; Annie Reynolds 186; Anabell Gravel-Chabot 383; Jeanne Plekon 225t; Maygan Barker 35. The class was dismissed.

Supper was served at 6:00 p.m. in the Grove Dining Hall. Campers had free time until class singing.

**Class Singing** 7:30 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. The class was called to order by Mamie Sisemore leading 59. The opening prayer was offered by Grace Whitener. Leaders: Nathan Rees, Andy Ditzler, and Samuel Sommers 422; Rachel Speer and Dean Jens 335; Kelsey Ivey and Lauren Bock 326; Rob Tibbs, Avaré Gass, and Lucey Karlsberg 45t; Bill DuPre and Chris Parris 358; David Ivey, Everett Ivey, and Meredith Ivey 569b; Jonathon Smith and Samantha Adioetomo 130; Lela Crowder, Pattie Wareh, and Allison Ivey 187; Anne Evers and Tom Evers 36b; Gillian Inksetter, Karen Ivey, and Idy Kiser 217; Emily Raffensberger and Emily Stutzman 344; Bridge Hill Kennedy, Tom George, and James George 377; Susan Loucks and Catherine Bonk 496; Calvin Jens, Elijah Harris, and Landon Kiser 168; Mitchel Gustin, Anton Popov, and David Brodeur 137; Jenny Solheim and James Solheim 472; Lori Rodgers and Paula Oliver 198; Lydia LaRoux and Lisa Bennett 291; Jesse P Karlsberg and Paul Chamberlain 195; Adrian Eldridge and Cooper Sandefur 70b; Levi Trumbore, Alex Forsyth, and Nicholas Thompson 384; Lily Hammond and June Murphy 112;

Pam Nunn and Judy Caudle 522; Sarah George and Racheal Geary 222; Annie Reynolds 186; Rachel Hall and Jeannette DePoy 328; Grace Whitener and Vivian Ivey 46; Blake Sisemore and Richard Ivey 556; Youth campers sang “Camp FaSoLa” led and composed by Gillian Inksetter. Calvin Jens led 323t as the closing song. Vivian Ivey offered the closing prayer. Mark Jones delivered the devotional at the fireside.

### Thursday, July 3

Campers had their choice of hiking Camp Lee trails, singing from the *Lloyd's Hymnal*, or discussion of the future of Camp FaSoLa. Breakfast was served at 8:00 a.m.

**Lesson: Rudiments III / Basics.** **Teacher: Samuel Sommers** 9:00 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Samuel Sommers welcomed the class, and led 314. He stated that “I am a Sacred Harp singer, like everybody here is a Sacred Harp singer. You have met all of the requirements.” Deborah Taube led 28b. Sam suggested that accent is musical and stress has to do with text. He encouraged students when attending a singing class to try to do one thing really well. Then next time try to do a different thing really well, and so on. Gioia Fonda and Esther Morgan-Ellis led 98. Sam used four boxes to illustrate accents on four quarter notes in a 4/4 common time measure. The first box is heavy, the second box is empty, the third box is slightly weighted, and the fourth box is empty. Accent is done with the voice, not the hand. **Leaders:** Cathy Bonk, Susan Loucks, and Darrell Lahm 170; Emily Stutzman and Anton Popov 123b; Samuel Sommers 153, 29t, 76t; Helen Cepero and Anabel Gravel-Chabot 168; Samuel Sommers and Shannon Tibbs 412. The class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments III / Advanced.** **Teacher: Nathan Rees** 9:00 a.m. Genesis Lodge. Nathan began this class with Sacred Harp trivia (song title edition), songs names for places, people, etc. Nathan directed attention to the board, and the class practiced singing scales and intervals: a note only exists in the context of other notes. He reviewed measures of time and accents, noting the importance of accent to a good singing, and stating that common, triple, and compound time each have their own accents. Nathan led 320 to demonstrate changing modes of time within a song. Other leaders and selections: Cooper Sandefur 448t; Lily Hammond 43; Jenny Solheim 329; Elea Regembal 417; Jon Adler 455. Nathan reminded campers that tempo may change without a time change, as in 183 or 291. Other unwritten changes, regional or otherwise, may appear—Watch the Leader! Consider the song on page 408. The class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Rudiments III / Youth.** **Teacher: Lauren Bock** 9:00 a.m. The Ark. Lauren brought the class to order. There was discussion about observations from the previous evening singing. Lauren referred to page 13 of the Rudiments where it states that in addition to pitch, a musical tone has accent, length, and volume. Lauren referred to page 15-16 in the Rudiments and reviewed modes of time. Toby demonstrated 2/2 time; Vivian did 4/4 time, and Elijah beat time in 2/4. Other leaders and other time signatures: Lucey 3/2; Calvin 3/4; Everett 6/4; and Kason 6/8. Leading practice included Kason Stone 360; Meredith Ivey 45t; Toby Bagley 45b; Bonnie Bagley and Toby Bagley 46; Matthew Kallikkadan, Avare' Gass, and Lucey Karlsberg 59; Calvin Jens, Landon Kiser, Elijah Harris, and Toby Bagley 87; Everett Ivey and Lucey Karlsberg 93. The class was dismissed.

Campers were served snacks, and then could choose recreational activities, crafts, and electives.

**Elective: Dinner On The Ground.** **Teachers: Pam Nunn and Nicholas Thompson** 10:45 a.m. Lakeview Lodge. Pam and Nicholas welcomed the class, and shared a packet of recipes with the campers. They talked about dishes suitable for bringing to singings, and shared personal experiences about dishes, both disasters and triumphs. They spoke about utensils and supplies including crockpots, coolers, ice

packs, and serving spoons. Pam talked about packing food, both warm and cold, and for travel. Nicholas suggested labels for dishes such as vegan, vegetarian, or spicy. Pam, Nicholas, and campers made a pink stuff dessert using angel food cake, strawberries, strawberry gel, and cool whip to be shared with the rest of the campers at lunch today. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Accent. Teacher: Nathan Rees** 10:45 a.m. Genesis Lodge. Nathan welcomed the class, and suggested that campers consider what accent is and how it is achieved. He referred to page 16 of the Rudiments, section 14 that describes accent. He reviewed each mode of time, stating that the primary accent always lands on the first note of the measure. Nathan noted that besides the distinctive sound, accent is used for other reasons such as it helps save your voice from strain, it helps keep the class singing together, it brings energy, and because it gives the words cadence. Singing without an accent can be like listening to someone drone on in a monotone voice. The class practiced singing with accent while Jeanne Plekon led 32t. Other leaders: Helen Cepero 49b; Troy Sherman 64; Marjorie Harrington 360. The class was dismissed

Lunch was served at noon in the Grove Dining Hall.

**Lesson: The 1991 Revision of *The Sacred Harp*. Teacher: David Ivey** 1:00 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. David welcomed the class, and led the song on page 464. David talked about the tradition of passing down books, generationally. He reminisced about being on the 1991 revision committee and being one the youngest members. He outlined the different committees created in 1988, and gave brief biographical information on the revision committee: Hugh McGraw—Chairman, Richard DeLong, Raymond Hamrick, Toney Smith, Jeff Sheppard, Terry Wootten, and himself, David Ivey. He explained the shape of the meetings, and the role of consultants. Andy Ditzler led “Jordan’s Shore” and Rachel Hall led “A Few More Years”. He reviewed the numbers for songs removed from 1971 and songs added for the 1991 revision. The class sang the top twelve songs from the 1991 revision. Leaders: Jenny Solheim 504 (#12); Susan Loucks 66; Annie Reynolds 86; Abigail Cannon 347; Dami Osoba 344; Paul Chamberlain 225t; David Brodeur 472; Cooper Sandefur 163b; Emily Stutzman 34b. David told of the December, 1990, event wherein the composers and committee members met at Sanford University in Birmingham, Alabama, to sing songs from the new song booklet. The class then sang the top three songs from the 1991 revision. Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis and Marjorie Harrington 503 (#3); Rowan Marye 178 (#2); Paula Oliver 475 (#1). David read the acknowledgements page from the 1991 revision, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Learning Songs and Youth Memorial Lesson. Teachers: Kelsey Ivey and Richard Ivey** 1:00 p.m. The Ark. Richard and Kelsey led 448b to bring the class together. They reviewed jobs that have to be done at a singing event such as arranging leaders, keying, chaplain, memorial committee, and others. Usually, a sheet of paper will be placed conveniently for writing names of sick and shut-ins or homebound, and also names of recently deceased. The list of names is read aloud, followed by the singing of a song. Leaders: Toby Bagley 457; Everett Ivey 39b (in memory of Marie Ivey); Vivian Ivey, Grace Whitener, and Meredith Ivey 384 (in memory of Coy Ivey); Rob Tibbs, Avaré Gass, and Lucey Karlsberg 333 (Rob requested this song in memory of Curtis Cook); Kason Stone and Joseph Watts 143; Landon Kiser, Calvin Jens, Joseph Watts, Mark Jones, Cecil Godfrey, Leon Godfrey, Elijah Harris, Toby Bagley, and Kason Stone 274t; Bonnie Bagley, Mamie Sisemore, Meredith Ivey, Lucey Karlsberg, Avaré Gass, Grace Whitener, Vivian Ivey, and Haven Carter 45t; Cora Wareh 163b; Blake Sisemore, Alex Forsyth, and Kelsey Ivey 432 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Karen Ivey 108t. The class was dismissed. Campers could choose recreational activities, crafts, and electives.

**Elective: Lost and Found, 1991 Edition Songs Dropped in Previous Revisions.**

**Teacher: Esther Morgan-Ellis** 2:15 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Esther welcomed the class and stated that many songs disappear from the book for a time, but reappear in a future revision. Oftentimes, the song added back in a future revision would have different verses or an alto part added. Leaders and songs: Jerusha Wheeler 35; Samuel Sommers 133; Jon Adler 107; Esther Morgan-Ellis and Troy Sherman 442; Anne Evers 444; Samantha Adioetomo 229; Marjorie Harrington and Samantha Adioetomo 565; Lisa Bennett 567; Tom Evers 489; Jon Adler and Pattie Davis 496; June Murphy 513; Shannon Tibbs 473; David Smead 266; Rachel Speer 230. Esther Morgan-Ellis led 152, and dismissed the class.

**Elective: Charming Sounds: Unusual Chords in the Sacred Harp. Teacher:**

**Tom George** 2:15 p.m. Genesis Lodge. Tom led the song on page 48t, and asked the class about interesting chords in the song. He pointed out that the chord at the start of measure three, with 3-la, 6-la, 2-sol, and 1-fa. Tom described different types of chords. He referred to page 22 in the Rudiments, and defined dyads, triads, and chords with four notes. He pointed out the major and minor (and diminished) chords built on the scale degrees in major keys. The class sang the tonic triads in root position in major and minor using the starting chords of 318 and 216 as examples. Tom discussed the Sacred Harp practice of sharpening the 6th scale degree in minor. He said that this practice has declined but is coming back. He supports it. Tom led the song on page 63, and the class held the secondary dominant in measure nine. Tom led the song on page 38b, and the class held the chord with a 7-sol in measure eleven. He led 38t and the class held the chord on the second half of measure eleven where the treble part has a 4-fa. Tom led songs on pages 291, 99, 113, 454, and 309. The class discussed with Tom the unusual chords, and their charming sounds. Tom played a recording of the Wootten family in the 1980s singing the song on page 163t, and the class was dismissed.

**Lesson: Lemonade Making and Watermelon Picnic. Teachers: Alex Forsyth and Blake Sisemore** 3:15 p.m. House Lawn. Alex and Blake 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.

Campers could choose swimming, paddle boards, fishing, and electives.

**Elective: Mysteries of the Alto Part. Teacher: Rachel Hall** 4:15 p.m. Lakeview Lodge. Rachel welcomed the class, and passed around packets of information. The class sang the song on page 112 without the alto part, as it was originally written, and then they sang the song with the alto part that was added in 1902. Questions arose from the class: Why write only three-part harmony? Why was alto added? Who should sing the alto part? Rachel discussed the English church music of the 1700s that was almost all four-part harmony. It is not historically true that women always sang the alto part, men also sang this part. Contemporary letters lamented how difficult it was to find male alto voices. In the early 1800s, all new compositions were written in three parts, then in the 1870s new compositions were written in four parts. In the 1870 revision, 95% of the songs were in three part harmonies, but in the 1911 James Revision only 14% were in three parts. The class sang songs from the following pages: 335, 163t, 176t, 285t, 92, and 269. The class was dismissed.

**Elective: Reading from Antigodlin Stories of Sacred Harp. Teacher: Larry Brasher**

4:15 p.m. Genesis Lodge. David Ivey gave an overview talk about the class, and introduced Larry Brasher, author of the book. Larry spoke of his friendship with Buell Cobb and their relationship through writing. He defined antigodlin, stating that the word describes something at an odd angle. Larry read excerpts from his

book. "These stories about Sacred Harp singing are often at a slant. They all lead to singing, but they angle through the lives, politics, and personalities of the singers. To get to the singing, the stories follow vanished chert roads of the southern countryside, taking in its colors and curiosities, its human characters, customs, and convictions." Larry talked about families of singers that he knew in the area around Oneonta, Alabama. He talked about churches where he attended Sacred Harp singings, and about changes that he has observed over the years. The class was dismissed.

**Class Singing** 7:00 p.m. Lakeside Lodge. Campers and community singers gathered to sing for a time. The class was called to order by Jon Adler, who welcomed everyone and led 40. Dami Osoba offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Anna Hinton, Avaré Gass, and Shelby Castillo 430; Jonas Powell, Mitchell Gustin, and Rowan Marye 171; Will Fitzgerald and Samuel Sommers 230; Erica Hinton and Matt Hinton 76b; David Ivey, Allison Ivey, Everett Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, Richard Ivey, Karen Ivey, Kevin Krupnick, Vivian Ivey, and Grace Whitener 146; Karen Rollins and Barry Rollins 268; Helen Cepero and Emily Raffensberger 168; David Brodeur and Marjorie Harrington 360; Adrian Eldridge and Darrell Lahm 426b; Paula Oliver and Emily Stutzman 222; Lela Crowder, Gillian Inksetter, and Gioia Fonda 122; Lauren Bock, Jesse P Karlsberg, Lucey Rose Karlsberg, and Hattie Karlsberg 421; Toby Bagley, Landon Kiser, and Mark Jones 452; Rebekah Gilmore, Shane Brown, and Garrett Morton 220 Patricia Davis and Bill DuPre 335; Esther Morgan-Ellis and Shawn Taylor 528; Leanne Carter and Shannon Tibbs 479; Tom George, Sarah George, and James George 56t; Cody Gonzalez, David Smead, and Lisa Bennett 183; Rachel Speer and Maygan Barker 417; Blake Sisemore and Alex Forsyth 110; Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle 431 (in memory of Henry Guthery); Lily Hammond, Samantha Adioetomo, and Rachel Hall 506; Cora Wareh and Pattie Wareh 299; Pam Nunn and Lori Rodgers 556; June Murphy, Randy Neufeld, and Jacob Lindler 93; Dean Jens and Calvin Jens 481; Nathan Rees and Bridge Hill Kennedy 536; Jeanne Plekon and Anita Landess 111b; Daniel Lee and Susan Lee 278t; Troy Sherman and Jonathon Smith 68b; Daryl Chesney and Deborah Taube 155; Jenny Solheim and James Solheim 543; Dami Osoba, Annie Reynolds, and Levi Trumbore 277; Anabel Gravel-Chabot, Susan Loucks, and Elea Regembal 31t. Anton Popov led 235 as the closing song. Dami Osoba offered the closing prayer. David Ivey made announcements, and the class was dismissed.

#### **Friday, July 4**

Campers met with David Ivey in the Ark after breakfast at 8:00 a.m. David led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Samuel Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Camp Director—David Ivey

### **LEWES SACRED HARP SINGING DAY South Malling Parish Church, Lewes, Sussex, United Kingdom**

**Saturday, July 5, 2025**

The annual Lewes Sacred Harp Singing Day was called to order by Rachel Jordan leading 34b followed by the opening prayer offered by Jean Mahoney. Leaders: Nick Hall 101t; Vic Grigg 277; Iain Paxon 344; Ron Hollman 444; Ian Lamb 68b; Corinne Sweet 448t; Sheila Girling Macadam 27; Werner Ullah 448b; Toby Goss 50b; Natalie Edelman 503; Neil Horlock 479; Peter Banks 189; Clara Potter-Sweet 77t; Greg Carson 276; Billy Harvell-Smith 122; Wa'el Qasim 89; Barry Parsons 87; Inga Buckland 79; Francis Zain 480; Erin Johnson-Williams 75.

RECESS

Singing resumed with Edwin Macadam leading 350. Leaders: Sebastian May 377; Teresa Maguire 67; Seth Dickens 146; Tom Sprackland 403; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 227; Jill Thompson 454; Brenda Bowley 501; Derek Buckland 101b. Seth Dickens spoke for the following sick and housebound: Grace Colhoun, Jackie Johnson, Johnny McKeown, Heather Prescott, Julie Harris, Betty Stretford, Jazz Turner, Anouk Faner, Cäcilia Mann, Yvonne Grigg, Shirley Bossard, and Anna Quinn.

He spoke also in memory of the following deceased: Rob Mahoney, John Saunders, Gregory Marsl, Ron Corp, Wayne Hoy, Corinne Haynes, Bernard Collard, Steve Biggs, Chris Judge, Zareer Masani, Peter Polish, Dinos Nearchou, Peter Child, Constanze Denis, Dingo Dinkelman, Olive Gibson, Neill Thompson, Ellen Bainbridge, Richard Beswick, Henry Guthery, Chloe Webb, Buell Cobb, Phoebe Brown, Graham Jeffreys, and Louise Wilson. Seth led 178 in their honour. Erin Johnson-Williams closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Ed Johnson-Williams 340; Nigel Bowley 29b; Bridget Walker 376; Megan Streb 65; Rachel Jordan 500; Ian Lamb 163t; Nick Hall 534. Edwin Macadam offered Grace before the midday meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Sheila Girling Macadam leading 39t. Leaders: Alexa Turner 49b; Tom Halloran 159; Lesley White 117; Inga Buckland 48b; Toby Goss 472; Billy Harvell-Smith 229; Iain Paxon 183; Sue Lanfear 163b; Sebastian May 442; Francis Zain 245; Clara Potter-Sweet 288; Jill Thompson 504; Ed Johnson-Williams 411; Tom Sprackland 216; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 432; Barry Parsons 76b; Wa'el Qasim 335; Edwin Macadam 236; Nick Hall 231.

#### RECESS

The final session commenced with Brenda Bowley leading 105. Leaders: Werner Ullah 29t; Corinne Sweet 547; Una Nicholson 314; Peter Banks 112; Erin Johnson-Williams 475; Derek Buckland 348t; Natalie Edelman 86; Nigel Bowley 110; Teresa Maguire 284; Neil Horlock 400; Bridget Walker 542; Seth Dickens 365; Alexa Turner 56b; Ron Hollman 362; Bristol singers 144; Winchester and Southampton singers 268; London singers 410t; Sussex singers 474. Announcements were made. Rachel Jordan thanked all who had helped in any way to make this singing possible. Rachel Jordan and Nick Hall led 347 as the closing song. Milly Murphy offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rachel Jordan; Secretary—Nick Hall

### **PIONEER VALLEY SINGING Deerfield Community Center, Deerfield, Massachusetts Saturday, July 5, 2025**

The 2025 Pioneer Valley All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in July at the Deerfield Community Center in Deerfield, Massachusetts. Angela Ruggiero-Corliss called the class to order leading 171. Andrew Magee offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joel Newberger 31t; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 52t; R. Anuhea Sebstad 67; Margaret Youngberg 326; Erin Fulton 88t; Kate Bergren 314; Rebecca Hawkins 127; Carole Crompton 106; Jana Yeaton 270; Micah John Walter 411; Liz Patton 361; Rowan Lupton 89; William Schuller 148; Janet Spongberg 142.

#### RECESS

Kit Walsh called the class back together by leading 131b. Leaders: Jennie Brown 460; Wendy Sibbison 187; Madeline Endres 39t; Penny Henzel and El Corcoran 83t; Rob Arbelo 528; Mike Richards 192; Daniel Harvester 369; Charles Biada 349; Becky Wright 30t; Guy Bankes and Anna Bowen 352; Mary Skidmore 440; Kerry Cullinan

368; Chris Geissler 441; Ateven Sanderson 231; Barbara Swetman 365; Sue Peters and Jan Robinson 467; Christopher Kain 381.

#### RECESS

Anna Bowen and Guy Banks called the class back together leading 182. Leaders: Brian Zayatz 276; Jeremy Galvagni 28t; Meaghan Kachadoorian 312t; Joan Frankel 38b; Andrew Magee 56b.

John Holbrook conducted a lesson for the following sick and shut-ins: Peter Amidon, Inez Benichasa, Joanne Cooke, Jim Ducey, Amy Frankel, Bob Frankel, Jason Freedlander, Lance Fulton, Melissa Howrey Fulton, Greta Holbrook, Judith Mason, Jasmine Mendoza, Hannah Parrot, Lynn Fulton Pfannensti, Elsa Phemayotin, Perrin Scott, Pat Waggoner, and Tom Waggoner. He led 503.

Yael Tarshish then conducted a memorial lesson in memory of the following deceased: Buell Cobb—Alabama; Louise Godfrey—California; Corrone Bryant, Ruth Anne Bryant, Bob Moskowitz—Florida; Grady Waid Denny Burgess, Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia; Sally Gethner Handler—Illinois; William Ralph Paris—Kentucky; Jim Baird—Maryland; Mrs. A.C. Anderson—Massachusetts; Grace Chappel, P. Adams Sitney—New Jersey; Cole Heinowitz, Norman MacAfee, Hollie Ruthberg—New York; Daniel Wert—Pennsylvania, Jabbara Edwards, Reed Schilbach—Washington; Eva Cukernan—Ontario; Kurt Orenstein—Switzerland; Jane O’Sullivan—United Kingdom. Yael led 29t. Tim Eriksen closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Kelly House 217; Rachel Field 274t; Christine Andrews 532; Amy Finlay 442; George Sigut 444; Landon Peer 107. Andrew Daube offered a prayer before the meal

#### LUNCH

Linda Shea called the class back together leading 475. Leaders: Matthew Wojcik 456; Deidra Montgomery 558; Marie Brandis 168; Matthew Leger-Small 328; Molly Ellis 196; Bill Holt 269; Sage Chase-Dempsey 300; Philou 542; Allison Steel 384; Gwen Gethner 406; MB Gowins 189; Tim Eriksen 277; Chris Noren 263; Crispin Youngberg 47b; Hannah Land 454; Tim Gregg 424; Laura Hodges 103; Sheldon Finlay 383; John Davis 335; Eric Beecher and Ray Friedlander 86; Joseph Dunn 268.

#### RECESS

Marie Brandis led 72b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mary Andrews 82t; Elias Neuman-Donihue 155; Michael Ipsen 210; Susan Mampre 102; Glen Wright 48t; Michael Nord and Molly Merrett 283; Lizzy Dunn 448t; Kit Walsh 224; Grant Cook 410b; Jacob Deck 178; Corinne Ducey and Matthew Wojcik 501; Susanna Hoffman and Rebecca Hawkins 159; Jim Desmond 299; Isabel Linhares 500; John Holbrook 145b; Linda Shea 229.

The Secretary reported registration for the day of one hundred fifty-two singers from thirteen states, the District of Columbia, one Canadian province and one English county. Among those registered, eighty-six leaders led eighty-seven songs. The Resolutions Committee offered thanks to all who helped make the day possible, and resolved to meet again next year. After announcements, Angela Ruggiero-Corliss and Ben Sachs-Hamilton led 62 as the closing song, and Andrew Magee offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Angela Ruggiero-Corliss; Vice Chair—Joel Newberger; Secretary—Ben Sachs-Hamilton

**HENAGAR-UNION CONVENTION**  
**Liberty Baptist Church, Henagar, Alabama**  
**July 5-6, 2025**  
**Saturday, July 5**

The Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the first Sunday and Saturday before in July. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Scott Ivey leading 32t. The morning prayer was offered by Danny Creel. Scott Ivey welcomed the class and visitors, and made announcements.

Leaders and selections: Blake Sisemore 65; Cindy Tanner 460 (in memory of Lucy Marie Heidorn); Tom Evers 106; Jerry Turlington 196; Judy Chambliss 29t; Lydia LaRoux 30t; John Plunkett 77b; Pat Temple 571 (CB); Caroline Barron 268; Anne Evers 120; Jonas Powell 440; Dean Jens 429; Leigh Cooper 68t; Becka Harrington 30b; Mark Jones 149; Karen Rollins 227; Emily Stutzman 68b; Gillian Inksetter 560; Annie Reynolds 270; Jenna Strizak and Katie Sorenson 217; Danny Creel 170; Jon Adler 426b; Cooper Sandefur 378b; Susan Lee 300.

**RECESS**

Scott Ivey led 141 to bring the class together. Leaders: Keillor Mose 48t; Robert Chambliss 48b; Branden Baxton 109; Cora Wareh 448b; Samantha Adioetomo 448t; Tom George and Levi Trumbore 472; Meredith Ivey and Vivian Ivey 45t; Barrett Patton 447; Pattie Wareh 99; Mark Godfrey 436; Stefani Priskos 228; David Smead and Lisa Bennett 439 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Daniel Bearden 467; José Camacho 365; Matt Hinton 276.

**RECESS**

The class was called to order by Blake Sisemore leading 56t. Leaders: Tom Owen 512; Idy Kiser 155; Susan Loucles 480; Larry Brasher and Louise Brasher 332; Lori Rodgers 162; Brayden Whitley and Moriah Whitley 135; Rachel Hall 423; Emily Raffensberg and Darrell Lahm 122; Maygan Barker 72b; Bill DuPre 385t; Calvin Jens 481; Esther Morgan-Ellis 474; Anton Popov 346. Barrett Patton asked a blessing before the meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with David Ivey leading 111t. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 396; Cassie Allen 442 (for Beth Wallace); Daniel Lee 302; Maddy Mullany 94; Stuart Ivey 110; Nicholas Thompson 216; Rebekah Gilmore 215; Clarke Williams 471; Garrett Morton 444; Mitchell Gustin 107; Lily Hammond 362; Paul Chamberlain 513; Jacob Lindler 191; Elea Regembal 272; Rodney Ivey 129; Anna Hinton 455; Sam Dembling 83b; Loyd Ivey 283; Jeanne Plekon and Helen Cepero 225t; Abigail Cannon and Joyce Morton 234; Jesse P Karlsberg and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 274t; Sarah Geroge and Rachael Geary 187.

**RECESS**

Barrett Patton led 100 to bring the class together. Leaders: Jonathan Wood 127; Emma Rose Brown 322; Shannon Tibbs and Rob Tibbs 117; Allison Langston 430; David Brodeur 315; Jonathon Smith 189; Shawn Taylor 298; Philip Gilmore 316; Lauren Bock and Jesse P Karlsberg 498; Marjorie Harrington 39t; Prisca Rice and Jayden Hunt 31t; Richard Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 475; Dennis George 64. Dennis announced the results of the election of officers by written ballot as follows:

Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Vice Chairman—Barrett Patton; Secretary—Cindy Tanner. Leaders: Rachel Speer 336; Nathan Rees 101t; Karen Ivey 532; Elene Stovall and Keillor Mose 200; Judy Caudle 348b; Everett Ivey 569b; Erica Hinton 389; Pam Nunn 224.

Blake Sisemore led 323t as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer.

## Sunday, July 6

The Sunday session of the Henagar-Union Sacred Harp Singing Convention convened at 9:30 a.m. The class was called to order by Blake Sisemore leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Blake Sisemore 454 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Barrett Patton 36b; Cindy Tanner 368; Duane Chesney 63; Allison Langston and Grace Rush 384; David Killingsworth and Branda Armstrong 290; Shane Wootten 426t (in memory of Hobart Ivey); Cheyenne Ivey 500; Alex Forsyth 428; Joseph Bray 122; David Light 436; Lilly Underwood 61 (in memory of Theresa Bethune); Samuel Williams 501; David Carlton 351; Leanne Carter and Haven Carter 332; Patti Davis 270; Cole Wootten 30b; Gioia Fonda 294; Wayne Wootten 40; Jon Adler 361; Sarah Wootten 168; Meredith Ivey 46; Jared Wootten 182; Bill DuPre 312b (for Cecil Roberts).

### RECESS

Barrett Patton led 82t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Anton Popov and Maygan Barker 535; Daryl Chesney 492; Calvin Jens 186; Karen Rollins 327; Darrell Lahm 551; Dean Jens 275t; Jamey Wootten 448b; Deborah Taube 171; Terry Wootten 29t; Judy Mincey 225t; Donna Wootten 330t; Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist 477; Aaron Wootten 47b; Marlin Beasley 336; Sharon DuPriest 269; Hayden Wootten and Brooke Wootten 283; Jackie Tanner 314; Shane Brown 228; Lydia LaRoux 277.

### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Barrett Patton leading 76b. Leaders: Jonathan Wood 89; David Brodeur 506; Jose Camacho and Cooper Sandefur 163t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Shane Brown and Judy Caudle. Shane Brown spoke eloquently about the hope of life everlasting after the resurrection of Christ. He also encouraged the singers, friends, and family to spend time in service to each other during the time spent on this earth. Judy Caudle read aloud the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Beth Ballinger Wallace, Larry Ballinger, Paula Springfield, Wanda Capps, Paul Sandefur, Bill Denney, James Morgan, Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Margaret Keeton, Nate Green, Joyce Walton, Bruce Coates, Pat Coghlan, Janette Graves, Cecil Roberts, Jimmie Gilmore, Mike Hinton, and Don Bowen. She led 473.

Judy read aloud the following list of names of the deceased: Lucy Marie Heidorn, Keith Tolbert, Theresa Bethune, Buell Cobb, Pauline Oliver, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Eddie Mae Tanner, Julia Poston, and Chris Shepherd—Alabama; David Bennett and Tom Tucker—Pennsylvania; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin; Phil Perrin—North Carolina; Beverly Rollins Thompson, Susan Morgan, Phoenix James Benaiah Moore—Georgia; Susan Fatcho and Jeff Begley—California; Ree Rickert—New York; Thomas Reynolds—Oregon; Mike Adams—Tennessee. Shane Brown spoke again briefly, and then led 569b. He offered prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Richard Ivey 34b; Ainslie Allen 430; Mitchell Gustin, Alex Forsyth, and Blake Sisemore 507; Anna Hinton 419. A blessing was offered by Hayden Wootten before the meal.

### LUNCH

Blake Sisemore led 345b to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Jonathan Smith 165; Everett Ivey 203; Annie Wootten 354b; Lauren Bock 144; Mark Godfrey and Leigh Cooper 411; Rachel Hall 573; Matt Hinton and Erica Hinton 224; Annie Raynolds 102; Michael Thompson 532; Rachael Geary and Sarah George 153; Marty Wootten and Dawson Wootten 546; Tom George 383; Avaré Gass and Paisley Gass 56t; Pat Temple 373; Jonas Powell 480; Tom Owen 163b; Maddy Mullany and Maggie Holder 404; Keillor Mose and Barrett Patton 434 (in memory of Daphene Causey); Jerry Turlington 335; Rebekah Gilmore, Prisca Rice, and Jayden Hunt 136;

Paul Chamberlain 468; Elea Regembal 172; Adrian Eldridge 142; Vivian Ivey 59; Clarke Williams and Garrett Holder 460; Sam Dembling and Emma Rose Brown 198; Shawn Taylor and Lily Hammond 282; Jacob Lindler 505.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Barrett Patton leading 313t. Leaders: Rachel Speer and Judy Caudle 151 (for Larry Ballinger); Loyd Ivey and family 501 (CB) (in memory of Theresa Bethune and for Louise Ivey); Levi Trumbore and James George 101t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 377; Cooper Sandefur 285t; Cassie Allen, Rodney Ivey, and Lisa Geist 528 (for Larry and Johnnie Ballinger); Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 73t; Shelby Castillo and Reba Windom 542; Stuart Ivey, David Ivey, and Karen Ivey 208; Anna Oliver 318; Scott Ivey, Sylvia Ivey, Jared Wootten, Hayden Wootten, and Jamey Wootten 138b; Nathan Rees 499; Jesse P Karlberg 88t; Tony Ivey, Sandy Ivey, and Liam Ivey 201; Nicholas Thompson and David Light 200; Kelsey Ivey 77t; Abigail Cannon 456. Announcements were made.

Blake Sisemore, Barrett Patton, Loyd Ivey, and Tony Ivey led 146 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. Tony Ivey offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Blake Sisemore; Vice Chairman—Barrett Patton; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

## **BRASSTOWN SHAPENOTE SINGING Murphy, North Carolina Saturday, July 12, 2025**

The Brasstown Shapenote Singing was held as a part of Open House at the John C. Campbell Folkschool in Murphy, North Carolina, on Saturday before the second Sunday in July. Welcome and Introduction was given by Will Peebles. Song selections were made from *The Christian Harmony* and *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition. Bill Hogan led 71 (CH), and offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Lily Hammond 109 (CH); Cooper Sandefur 107 (CH); Lisa Bennett 55t (CH); Will Peebles 255 (CH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 171 (CH); Shawn Taylor 16 (CH); Steve Walker 131 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 161t (CH); David Smead 493b (CH); Deb Robson 117 (CH); Judy Mincey 547 (CH); John Plunkett 61t (CH); Nancy Hogan 111b (CH); Caroline Barron 367 (CH).

#### RECESS

Leaders: Bill Hogan 29t; Cameron Adams 344; Allie Dudley 56b; Richard Hulan 59; Lily Hammond 277; Cooper Sandefur 385t; Lisa Bennett 274t; Will Peebles 58; Esther Morgan-Ellis 556; Shawn Taylor 103; Chris Wilhelm 150; David Smead 151; Deb Robson 497; Judy Mincey 464; John Plunkett 136; Caroline Barron 398; Bill Hogan 384; Cameron Adams 47b; Allie Dudley 209; Lily Hammond 47t; Cooper Sandefur 535. The class sang the first verse of 369, and John Plunkett blessed the meal.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Bill Hogan 480; Will Peebles 155; Lisa Bennett 289; Esther Morgan-Ellis 273; Shawn Taylor 98; David Smead 26; Deb Robson 452; Judy Mincey 481; John Plunkett 160b; Caroline Barron 146; Nancy Hogan 309; Cameron Adams 479; Allie Dudley 284; Lily Hammond 53; Cooper Sandefur 487; Will Peebles 117; Lisa Bennett 156; Esther Morgan-Ellis 61; Shawn Taylor 97; David Smead 107; Judy Mincey 351.

Leaders: Bill Hogan 51 (CH); Caroline Barron 393b (CH); John Plunkett 139 (CH); Steve Walker 507b (CH); Deb Robson 289 (CH); Lily Hammond 91 (CH); Nancy Hogan 468b (CH); Cooper Sandefur 448b (CH); Will Peebles 432b (CH); Lisa Bennett 172 (CH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 203 (CH); Shawn Taylor 180 (CH); David Smead 457b (CH); Judy Mincey 397b (CH); Bill Hogan 133 (CH); Caroline Barron

67b (CH); John Plunkett 261t (CH); Steve Walker 486t (CH); Deb Robson 143 (CH). Announcements were made.

Lily Hammond, Mary Baumeister, and Bill Hogan led 336t (CH) as the closing song. Bill Hogan dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairs—Bill Hogan and Will Peebles; Vice Chair—Nancy Hogan; Arranging—Mary Baumeister; Secretary—Lily Hammond

## MONTRÉAL SINGING

### Kensington Church, Notre-Dame-De-Grâce, Montréal, Québec

Saturday, July 12, 2025

The 7th session of the Montreal All-Day singing was called to order by Indigo Micciche and Elea Regembal leading 87. Lium offered the morning prayer.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Co-chairpersons—Indigo Micciche and Elea Regembal; Secretaries—Chlo Martin and Farah Mohammed; Arranging Committee—Esther Wade and Stuart Jackson; Finance Committee—Mak Ékoué. All song selections were from the 1991 edition of *The Sacred Harp*.

Leaders: Chlo Martin and Farah Mohammed 171; Esther Wade and Stuart Jackson 31t; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 138t; Patrick Friesen 354t; Michelle Briand 209; Blare Coughlin 56b; Molly-Claire Gillett 344; Névé Dumas 421; Edouard Beaudry 172; Clara Griffin 504; Anabel Gravel Chabot 383; Laurence Vézina 384; Meredith Brown 81t; Eve-Martin Jalbert 542; Hugh Thomas 474; Chris Taylor 148; Philou Fortier 228; Jen Davies 34b; Kerry Cullinan 475.

#### RECESS

Linda Coppock called the class back to order leading 203. Leaders: Chris Cotter 213t; Jon Adler 373; Noah Kelly 49t; Marie Brandis 212; Robert Stoddard 396; David Brodeur 466; Kit Walsh 500; David Rosenberg 189; Elsa Phemayotin 39t; Mak Ékoué 125; Elizabeth Stoddard 197; Andy Ditzler 192; Sunny Doyle 313b; Gwen Gethner 112; Alex Van Sant 58; Lari Jalbert 270; Grace Kennedy 101t; Charles Biada 132; Megan Ariki 122.

#### RECESS

Patrick Friesen welcomed the class back leading 105. Leaders: Ariane Roberge 99; Laszlo Bois 300; Klara Longfellow 378t; Joan Nagy 36b; Sid Quinsaat 444; Howe Pearson 48t; Lium 229; Wells (Rosemary) 535; Paul Chamberlain 140; Quasar Phoenix 312b; Max Kelly 528; Annie-Lou Chester 401; Maygan Barker 457; Edouard Beaudry 245; Philou Fortier 472; Anabel Gravel Chabot 179; Blare Coughlin 442; Chlo Martin 68b; Jamie Ross 30b. Lium gave the blessing before lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Meredith Brown and Hugh Thomas leading 72b. Leaders: Marie Brandis 328; Stuart Jackson 123t; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 182; Andy Ditzler 183; Em Ekelund 419; Robert Stoddard 129; Elsa Phemayotin 376; Lari Jalbert 551; David Brodeur 200; Elizabeth Stoddard 436; Kit Walsh 216; Charles Biada 314; Sunny Doyle 65; Gwen Gethner 26; Esther Wade 101b; David Rosenberg 424; Chris Cotter 460; Jon Adler 365; Howe Pearson 337; Steph Meunier 30t; Grace Kennedy 288.

#### RECESS

Em Ekelund brought the class together by leading 290. Leaders: Névé Dumas 35; Jamie Ross 317; Spruce Doyle and Sunny Doyle 163t; Linda Coppock 532; Lee Lai and Névé Dumas 267; Paul Chamberlain 188; Quasar Phoenix 146; Jack Tremblay, Laszlo Bois, and Antoine Mageau 86; Indigo Micciche and Robin Luckwaldt 42; Em Ekelund 37b; Maygan Barker 47b; Emily Ehrensparger 319; Kerry Cullinan and Philou Fortier 231; Max Kelly 318; Jen Davies 282; Sid Quinsaat 106; Chris Taylor 268; Joan Nagy 162.

A business meeting was opened to receive the day's reports. The treasurer thanked the class for their generosity as the expenses had been met. The secretaries reported that fifty-six leaders for a total of eighty-six registered singers from four provinces and twelve states sang one hundred one songs. Sunny Doyle as resolutions committee thanked the officers and committees and resolved to meet again in Montreal on Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 2026. Announcements were made.

Indigo Micciche and Elea Regembal led 323t as the closing song. Lium offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairs—Indigo Micciche and Elea Regembal; Secretaries—Chlo Martin and Farah Mohammed

**SCOTLAND SINGING**  
**Holy Trinity & St Barnabas Episcopal Church, Paisley**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2025**

The class was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Karen Turner leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Ruth Holman.

Leaders: Calum Parker 287; James Harvey 215; Ollie Hawker 162; Isaac Tendler 452; Sandy Semeonoff 47b; Chris Adam 337; Ruth Holman 63; Viv Imrie-O'Duffy 99; Eimear Maguire 270; Scott Morrison 448b; Jan Geerts 317; Anne Thelwell 47t; Heather Thompson 155; Jessica Beer 445; Derek Buckland 547.

RECESS

Anne Altringham called the class back to order leading 37b. Leaders: Esmé Byrd 57; Werner Ullah 29t; Kate Howard 31t; Jo-anne Carlyle 183; Martin Rodger 86; Calum Woods 216; Karen Turner 344; Claire Welford 159; Chris Adam 192; Anne Thelwell 198; Sandy Semeonoff 94; Viv Imrie-O'Duffy 122; Derek Buckland 163t; Ruth Holman 112; Jan Geerts 193.

RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw called the class back to order leading 105. Leaders: James Harvey 535; Isaac Tendler 457.

Sandy Semeonoff conducted the sick and housebound lesson. The names of the sick and housebound were read aloud as follows: Charlotte Willson, Louise Holden, Joan Gordon, Thomas Rodger, Philip Kraven, Deena Kraven, Lyn Walby, Cáecilia Mann, Cath Tyler. Sandy led 70t to remember them.

Scott Morrison conducted the memorial lesson. The names of those who had died in the last twelve months were read aloud as follows: Isaac Arlan Ingle-Gillis, Bonnie Shuman, Zareer Masani, Peter Polish, Dinos Nearchou, Peter Child, Dingo Dinkleman, Bernard Collard, Myra Crawford, Steve Biggs, Rob Mahoney, Neill Thompson, Ellen Bainbridge, Lynne Denman, Anita de Lotbiniere, Susan Fetcho, Mary Pinney Erickson, Susan Moir, Niamh Jobson, Frank Chaplain, Steve Clancy, Cholé Webb, Buell Cobb, Terry Lillicrap, Kevin Parker, Mollie Hood, and Stanley Hood. Scott led 417 in their honour. Karen Turner held a moment of silence for all those named, ending "Tell them we love them and we miss them." Leaders: Jessica Beer 436; Eimear Maguire 500; Ollie Hawker 235; Kate Howard 217; Esmé Byrd 522; Claire Welford 430; Calum Woods 280; Martin Rodger 268; Werner Ullah 503. Calum Parker offered the Selkirk Grace before lunch.

LUNCH

Chris Adam called the class back to order leading 87. Leaders: Derek Buckland 504; Anne Thelwell 179; Jan Geerts 546; Jo-anne Carlyle 277; Anne Altringham 440; Heather Thompson 278b; Werner Ullah 339; Calum Parker 269; Claire Welford 454; Jessica Beer 224; Calum Woods 348b; James Harvey 313b; Esmé Byrd 345b; Kate Howard 455; Scott Morrison 146; Martin Rodger 117; Karen Turner 475; Eimear Maguire 383.

## RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Ruth Holman 208; Ollie Hawker 82t; Cath Ingham, Kate Howard, Larry Winger 528; Isaac Tendler 481; Heather Thompson 33b; Jo-anne Carlyle 276; Sandy Semeonoff 448t; Werner Ullah 501; Derek Buckland 491; Jessica Beer 480; Calum Woods 285t; Claire Welford 365; Anne Thelwell 40; Esmé Byrd 48t. Announcements were made. Thirty-five singers from England, Germany, and Scotland sang eighty-one songs with twenty-seven leaders.

Karen Turner led 323t as the closing song. Ruth Holman offered closing thoughts. The class was dismissed, with thanks to all those who assisted in organising and running the day.

Chair—Karen Turner; Secretary—Anne Altringham

## CULLMAN COUNTY SACRED HARP CONVENTION

**Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama**

**July 12-13, 2025**

**Saturday, July 12**

The 131st 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. Danny Creel offered the morning prayer.

A business session was held and the class voted that officers from the previous year be retained as follows: Chairman—Tom Booth; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Arranging Officer—Carolyn Thompson; Finance Officer—Christopher Mann; Secretary—Theresa Westmoreland.

Leaders: Tom Booth 77b; Butch White 77t, 278t; Christopher Mann 467, 425; Theresa Westmoreland 302, 196; Carolyn Thompson 268 (by request), 53; Jeff James 480, 277; Glenn Keeton 349; Cindy Mann 159; Mike Hankin 59; Hazel Heinze 551; Dylan Feezell 280; Bea Aaron 456; Judy Caudle 530; Nicholas Thompson 217; Amber Mann 145b; Philip Gilmore 146.

## RECESS

The class was called to order by Christopher Mann leading 114. Leaders: Danny Creel 405; Roma Rice 321; Ann Jett 496; Charles McCravy 87; Laurie Keeton 145t; Daniel Bearden 468; Beth Branscome 474; Leanne Carter 535; Gail Doss 35; Anita Landis 137; David Ivey 279; Marlin Beasley 460; David Carlton 492; Bridge Hill Kennedy 489; Blake Sisemore 436; Nancy Phillips 276; Mary Huffman, Stephanie Granger, Chloe Davis, and Allie Davis 63; Douglas Cantrell 490; Zena Tucker 47t; Brenda Chafin 319; Gail Doss 542. Charles McCravy blessed the lunch meal, and the class was dismissed.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Butch White, Joyce White, and Julie McCain leading 86. Leaders: Glenn Keeton 507; Cindy Mann 274t; Mike Hankins 477; Hazel Heinze 68b; Bea Aaron 475; Nicholas Thompson 166 (in memory of Julie Poston); Amber Mann 40; Philip Gilmore 278b; Danny Creel 111b; Roma Rice 549; Ann Jett 498; Charles McCravy 179; Laurie Keeton 358; Daniel Bearden 556; Beth Branscome 440; Gail Doss 501; Anita Landis 106; David Ivey 331; Marlin Beasley 204; David Carlton 198; Bridge Hill Kennedy 70b; Nancy Phillips 282; Douglas Cantrell 235; Zena Tucker 108t; Brenda Chafin 399b; Nicole Scott 172, 122; Linda Booth 454, 455; Christopher Mann 388 (for Nancy Phillips); Nicole Scott, Amanda Albrecht, Peter Albrecht, and Mikayla Prevost 457; David Carlton 332; Nicholas Thompson and Carol Barfoot Payne 159. Announcements were made.

Tom Booth led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Philip Gilmore.

### **Sunday, July 13**

Tom Booth welcomed the class to the Sunday session of the Cullman County Sacred Harp Convention and called the class to order leading 37b. The morning prayer was offered by David Jackson.

Leaders: Butch White 565; Christopher Mann 323b; Theresa Westmoreland 538; Carolyn Thompson 448t; Hazel Heinze 438; Robert Chambliss 270 (for Cecil Roberts and Larry Ballinger); Laurie Keeton 358; Carl Walls 100 (in memory of Comer Walls and Jerusha McWhorter Walls); Gail Doss 556; Amber Mann 452; Glenn Keeton and Bella Keeton 108t, 30t; Darlene Reynolds 282; Judy Chambliss 29t; David Jackson 235; Judy Caudle 564; Cindy Mann 77t; Chris Ballinger 512; Loretta Reid 569b; Charles McCravy 428.

#### **RECESS**

Butch White called the class to order leading 162. Leaders: Lisa Geist 273; Louise Yeager 480; Everett Ivey 215; Audrey Brown 47b; Nancy Phillips 112; Delone Cobbs 354t; Roma Rice 489; Nicholas Thompson 434; Joyce Morton 36b; Loretta Reid 105; Bridge Hill Kennedy 31t; Sonya Sipe 535; Richard Ivey 103; Brenda Chafin 336; Bea Aaron 568; Kathy Williams 448b; Chris Parris 354b; Christy Brock, Brian Best, Lori Grimes 145t, 87 (for Amber Best); Samuel Williams 446.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson. The following list of names of the sick and shut-ins was read aloud: Edna Smith, Darrell Parker, Ernestine Parker, Joyce Walton, Nate Green, Tina Beasley, Sarah Beasley, Margaret Keeton, Wanda Capps, Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Larry Ballinger, Mike Hinton, Pat Skinner, Cecil Roberts, Jack Nelson, Don Bowen, Paula Springfield, and Beth Wallace. Judy and Nicholas led 340.

The following list of names of the deceased was read aloud: Buell Cobb, Pauline Oliver, Henry Guthery, Theresa Bethune, Chris Shepherd, Julia Poston, William Futral, Virginia Futral, Malik Williams, and Lucy Heidorn. Judy and Nicholas led 544. The Sacred Harp Publishing Company, represented by Lisa Geist, recognized Henry Guthrey posthumously for Henry's contribution of unwavering support to the promotion of Sacred Harp by awarding a plaque to Henry's sister Bea Aaron, and niece Carolyn Thompson. Bea Aaron and Nicholas Thompson led 431 in memory of Henry Guthery. The memorial lesson and plaque presentation ceremony was closed. Nicholas Thompson offered the lunch blessing, and class was dismissed.

#### **LUNCH**

Tom Booth called the class back together by leading 34t. Leaders: Anita Landess 170; Amber Davis 391; Anna Grace Sipe 457; Marlin Beasley 318; Craig Holmes 34b; Linda Booth 198; Everett Ivey 421; Samuel Williams 160t; Chris Ballinger 76b; Lisa Geist 269; Christy Brock 277, with Cade Jerboas, Jacob Sims, Maribelle Brock, Jonna Bradley 159; Charles McCravy 176b; Gail Doss 400; Darlene Reynolds 454; Kathy Williams 208; Chris Parris 430; Joyce Morton 270; Marlin Beasley 73t, 61; Carolyn Thompson 236, 283; Brenda Chafin 74b; Butch White, Jessyca Depson 547. Tom Booth led 143 and 499. The closing prayer was offered by Glenn Keeton, and the class was dismissed.

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 13, 2025**

On the second Sunday in July, Way's Mills once again came alive with singing. The class was called to order by Laszlo Bois and philou leading 47t. The opening prayer was offered by Ruth Dörfler.

Leaders: névé dumas 480; Elea Regimbal 501; Ariane Roberge 34t; Lari Jalbert 84; Joan Nagy 49b; Dimitri Côté 122; Virginia Neville 48t; Evan Landon 108t; Steph Meunier 378t; Molly Claire Gillett 168; Meredith Browne 497; Grant Cook 32b; Annie-Lou Chester 479; Jim Coppock 481; Cathy Brochet 547.

The following officers and committee members served for the day: Chair—Laszlo Bois; Vice Chair—philou; Treasurer—Virginia Neville; Chaplain—Ruth Dörfler; Arranging—Anabel Gravel Chabot; Secretaries—Patrick Friesen, Ariane Roberge and philou.

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Robin Luckwaldt leading 277. Leaders: Laurence Vézina 551; Kerry Cullinan 66; Jacob de Groot-Maggetti 209; Noah Mease 42; Virginia Neville 288; Elizabeth Stoddard 103; Cecilia Neville 38b; Klara Longfellow 80t; Chris Taylor 300; Sue Dwelle 347; Nicandra Galper 171; Anuhea Sebstad 383.

Chaplain Ruth Dörfler conducted the memorial lesson. She led 107 for the following list of sick and shut-ins: Becky Wright, Michaela Natal, Charles Biada, Gwen Gethner, Curt Rose, Dan Phemayotin, Ben Sachs Hamilton, Lorelei Erisis, Bobbie Goodell, Jean Tremblay, Peter Amidon, Steve Kriston, Penny, Genevieve Park, Greta Holbrooke, Larry Ballinger, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Cecil Roberts, Judy Henry, Cornelia Van Den Doel, Catherine Joyce, Pat Callahan, Colleen Hayes, Erin Fulton, Ron Trial, Dan Hertzler, Jenny Wright, Kate Bergren, and Angela Ruggiero-Corliss.

The list of names of the deceased was read as follows: Honor Barrett, Bob Atkinson, Ginette Lavoie—Quebec; Ferne Crystale, Gordan Marshall, Mary McIllwraith, Tom McIllwraith, Justine McDonnell, Pippa Hall—Ontario; Dorothy Huebner—Manitoba; Lucy Heidorn, Buell Cobb, Julia Poston, Bob Goodman—Alabama; Susan Fatcho—California; Corrone Bryant, RuthAnne Bryant—Maine; Joe Fineman, Susie McIntosh, Richard Morris—Massachusetts; Sara Millers; Blair, Brooke, Mike & Charlene Harber, Chloe Webb—Texas; Meredith Holch, Regina Troiano, LVM La Verne Shelton, Eliza Riegelman, Bill Fellinger—Vermont; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Kennedy—Ireland; Rob Mahoney—UK. Ruth Dörfler led 313b in their memory.

Leaders: Chris Holley 146; Mycelium 569b; Maygan Barker 135. Ruth Dörfler gave a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

Laszlo Bois called the class back to order by leading 385b. Leaders: Stuart Jackson 108t; Kit Walsh 215; Mishi 430; Tim Gregg 185; Esther Wade 532; Andy Ditzler 530; Jim Coppock 485; Edouard Beaudry 304; Robert Stoddard 446; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 522; David Brodeur 517; Linda Coppock 455; Indigo Micciche 217; Pleasance Crawford 548; Marie Brandis 564; Meaghan Kachadoorian 270; Elsa Phemayotin 83b; Paul Chamberlain 254.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back together by philou leading 312b. Leaders: Sunny Doyle 274t; Jen Davies 178; Mak Ékoué 454; Scott Luscombe 181; Em Ekelund 149; Judy Carpenter 276; Janet Ross 183; Antoine Mageau and Jack Tremblay 235; Anabel Gravel Chabot 445 (in memory of Ginette); Alex Van Sant 335; Chlo Martin and Mak Ékoué 186; Patrick Friesen 377; Rosemary Wells 318; Sarah Maika 182; Howe Pearson 512; NIKA and Kerry Cullinan 86.

#### RECESS

Cathy Brochet, Chuck Neville, Virginia Neville, and Cecilia Neville brought the class back together leading 163b. Leaders: Meredith Brown and Kit Walsh 175; Grant Cook and Evan Landon 317; névé dumas and Anuhea Sebstad 198; Mishi and Patrick Friesen 269; Em Ekelund, Philippe Doyle-Gosselin, Elsa Phemayotin, Stuart

Jackson, Esther Wade, Sunny Doyle, and Maeve Wade-Gosselin 337; Lari Jalbert and Indigo Micciche 70b; Marie Brandis and philou 278t; Andy Ditzler and Robert Stoddard 440; David Brodeur and Elea Regimbal 187; Judy Carpenter and Sue Dwelle 503.

A business meeting was held to receive the committee reports. The Treasurer announced that expenses had been met. The Chair and Vice Chair shared gratitude and resolved to return on the second Sunday in July, 2026. The Arranger announced that eighty-five singers had travelled from five Canadian provinces and thirteen American states. Eighty-two lessons were led by sixty-six leaders. Following announcements, Laszlo Bois and philou led 31t as singers took the parting hand. Chaplain Ruth Dörfler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chair—Laszlo Bois; Vice Chair—philou; Secretaries—Patrick Friesen, Ariane Roberge, and philou

### **CAPITAL CITY SHAPE NOTE SINGING Old Alabama Town, Montgomery, Alabama**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

The Capital City Shape Note Singing was held on the third Thursday in July at Old Alabama Town, Montgomery, Alabama. Stefani Priskos called the class to order by leading 131b. She offered a warm welcome to the class and listeners on behalf of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture and the Alabama Folklife Association. Tom George offered the opening prayer.

Song selections were made from four books: *The Sacred Harp, 1991 edition*, *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision*, *The Christian Harmony, 2010 edition*, and *The Colored Sacred Harp*. Leaders: Joey Brackner 137; Tim Taylor 475; Ann Riley 178; Chris Parris 318; Judy Chambliss 373; Linda Booth 454; Wendy Futral Anderson 358; Robert Chambliss 494; Gary Padgett 299; Dennis George 478 (CB); Steve Grauberger 108t (CB); Brenda Chafin 450 (CB); Jeff James 514 (CB); Tom George 460 (CB); Mark Davis 154b (CB); Ann Jett 515 (CB).

RECESS

Mary Amelia Taylor brought the class back together leading 54t (CB). Leaders: Tom Booth 511b (CB); Oscar McGuire 293b (CB); Edith Eddins 74b (CB); Stanley Smith 567 (CB); Eric Eddins 553b (CB); Tim Taylor 455b (CH); Emily Eddins 419t (CH); Gary Padgett 349 (CH); Dennis George 180 (CH); Jeff James 250t (CH); Mark Davis 172 (CH); Ann Jett 170 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 366t (CH); Tom George 334 (CH); Steve Grauberger 432b (CH).

RECESS

Joey Brackner brought the class back to order leading 24 (CSH). Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 95 (CSH); Dennis George 56t (CSH); Steve Grauberger 19 (CSH); Tom George 27 (CSH); Mary Huffman 65b (CSH); Joey Brackner 25b (CSH); Dennis George 87 (CSH). The class sang “Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time” and adjourned for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Stefani Priskos leading 312b. Leaders: Robert Chambliss 225t; Ann Riley 282; Donald Jones 317 (in memory of his great-grandfather, M.F. McWhorter); Judy Chambliss 37b; Linda Booth 515; Oscar McGuire 485; Eric Eddins 207; Mary Huffman and John Eidsmoe 72b; Mark Davis 131 (CH); Ann Jett 51 (CH); Gary Padgett 179 (CH); Tim Taylor 322 (CH); Emily Eddins 363 (CH); Mary Amelia Taylor 54 (CH).

RECESS

Stefani Priskos led 172 to bring the class together. Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 464 (CB); Brenda Chafin 29t; Donald Jones 569b; Ann Riley 504; Oscar McGuire 163b;

Mark Davis 43 (CH); Ann Jett 264 (CH) (for Wanda Capps); Stefani Priskos 64 (CH). Announcements were made.

Stefani Priskos led 323t as the closing song. Tom George offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Stefani Priskos; Arranging—Mary Huffman; Secretary—Mary Amelia Taylor

## **GWEHELOG SACRED HARP SINGING** **Gwehelog Methodist Chapel, Gwehelog, Wales** **Saturday, July 19, 2025**

The 23rd annual Gwehelog Sacred Harp Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Harry Byford leading 82t. Ellen Southern gave the morning prayer.

Leaders: Lilith Wozniak 27; Chloë Somers 28b; Billy Harvell-Smith 235; Joyce Smith 36b; Francis Zain 124; Al Williams 330t; Sarah West 323t; Joe Jones 105; Mandy Rose 84; Jacoba Bruneel 30t; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 32t; Werner Ullah 70t; Jo-anne Carlyle 547; Sam Carter 68b.

### **RECESS**

Barry Parsons called the class back to order leading 166. Leaders: Clara Potter-Sweet 42; Ed Johnson-Williams 73t; Vicki Elliott 447; Peter Banks 227; Teresa Maguire 500; John Sprackland 401; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 47b; Ted Brown 111b.

Joshua Lant gave the sick and housebound lesson and examined the meaning of the common phrase “At least you have your health”. Joshua read the following names: Chris Brown and Judy Whiting—Elland; Jane Jenkins—London; Daniel Oldham—Derby; Cath Tyler—Newcastle upon Tyne; Bernie Pridden—Halesowen; Cäcilia Mann—Cologne, Germany; Bea Aaron and Joyce Walton—Alabama, USA. Joshua led 539 for the sick and housebound.

Jo-anne Carlyle delivered the memorial lesson on remaining compassionate for those we don’t know as well as those close to us—a lesson for all humankind and our compassion for humanity. Jo-anne read the following names: Bernard Collard—Cheltenham; Steve Biggs—Hove; Rob Mahoney—Goring-by-Sea; Kathleen Sutters—Blue Anchor; Fizzy Oppé—Cardiff; Peter Polish, Lynne Dedman—Carmarthen, Wales; Peter Child, Anita de Lotbiniere, Constanze Dennis, Neill Thompson, Dinos Nearchou, Gregory Marsh—London; Jean Rogan, Joe Rogan—Consett Co. Durham; Dave Crowther—Northumberland; Dingo Dinkleman—South Africa; Buell Cobb—Alabama, USA; Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia, USA; Tom Tucker, Dave Bennett—Pennsylvania, USA. Jo-anne led 313b for the deceased. Ted Brown gave the memorial prayer.

Leaders: Erin Johnson-Williams 287; Tom Sprackland 220; Claire Welford 196; Edwin Macadam 538; Kate Kirwan 172; Derek Buckland 330b; Steve Brett 123t; Rowan Simms 354t. Grace was given by Steve Brett.

### **LUNCH**

Al Williams called the class back to order leading 49b. Leaders: Matthew Parkinson 300; Helen Brown 542; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 142; Sheila Girling Macadam 302; Fynn Titford-Mock 291; Rahel Hunter 50t; Keillor Mose 445; Thom Fahrbach 309; Rachel Hall 498; Sebastian Beaghen 528; Michael Walker and Erin Johnson-Williams 306; Kate Kirwan 396; Billy Harvell-Smith 270; Claire Welford 112; Sam Carter 328; Clara Potter-Sweet 224; Joshua Lant 181; Jacoba Bruneel 214; Edwin Macadam 236; Sarah West 88t; Joe Jones 71; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 97; Ed Johnson-Williams 375; Bridget McVennon-Morgan 456; Barry Parsons 273.

### **RECESS**

Calum Woods called the class back to order leading 406. Leaders: Werner Ullah 29t; Steve Brett 187; Teresa Maguire 485; Tom Sprackland 26; Thom Fahrbach 331; Peter Banks 76b; Rachel Hall and Fynn Titford-Mock 269; Michael Walker 35;

Sheila Girling Macadam 200; Rahel Hunter 29b; Keillor Mose 436; John Sprackland 385b; Sebastian Beaghen 565; Helen Brown 475; Rowan Simms 263; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 204; Derek Buckland 368; Erin Johnson-Williams 399b.

Thanks were given to the officers and committee members, keyers, refreshments, and food organisers. Treasurer Billy Harvell-Smith reported that costs had been met.

The Secretary's Report was given by Chloë Somers: fifty-four registered singers, forty-six leaders from five countries (UK, Germany, Ireland, Spain, and USA) led seventy-nine songs. Announcements were made.

Harry Byford led 347 as the closing song. Mandy Rose offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Harry Byford; Secretaries—Chloë Somers, Bridget McVennon-Morgan, Joyce Smith

**MICHIANA SINGING**  
**Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana**  
**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

The 35th annual Michiana Singing was called to order by Matthew Lind leading 34b. Michael Miller offered the opening prayer, and led 312t. Leaders: James Nelson Gingerich 107; Shannon Tibbs and Rob Tibbs 77t; Samuel Sommers 492; Lori Graber 314; David Barford 228; Cecelia Kramer 180; John David Thacker 122; Holly Austin, Ananias Austin, Sarah Austin, and Aaron Austin 45t; Becca Harrington 131t; Mark Bowman 344; Sarah Ward 155; Jim Helke and Steven T. Schmidgall 496; Peter Trumbore 59; Brady Santoro 429.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Will Fitzgerald and Kate Lind 50t; Erik Schwab 150; Barbara Lehr and Shannon Tibbs 178; James Nelson Gingerich and Barbara Gingerich 192; Catherine Brown 313b; Gerald Shoultz 361; Wendy Wahn 546; Brad Baughman 481; Deborah Taube 99; Randy Neufeld 29t; Marjorie Harrington 40; Grey Grant 58; Anne Missavage 270; Steven T. Schmidgall 369; Ru Perry-Mize 480; Ginny Landgraf 101b; Marianne Kordas and Sarah Ward 254; John Fink 126.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 73b; Michael Darby 102; Hannah Lind 282; Bess Fitzgerald 299.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Sarah Ward led 86 for the sick and shut-ins: Joyce Walton, Carol Wahn, Janet Fraembs, Terry Hogg, Laurie Meyer, Marian Mitchell, Peggy Sergio, Allen Pixley, and Sara Lund.

Samuel Sommers led 499 for those who have died: Buell Cobb, Charlotte Naylor—Alabama; James Austin, Linda Lange, Rebecca Pates—Indiana; Terry Moore, John Townsend—Michigan; Jeffrey Bell—Minnesota; Warren Dixon—Texas; Philo Baker, Jr., Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin.

Leaders: Martha Beverly 163t; Laura Ann Russell 198; Will Fitzgerald 184; Marjorie Harrington 348t; Brad Baughman 385b.

**LUNCH**

Matthew Lind began the afternoon session by leading 145t. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 485; Holly Austin, Ananias Austin, Sarah Austin, and Aaron Austin 515; Erik Schwab 532; Nate Zweig 31b; Steve Warner 46; Deborah Taube 32t; William McNiece 547; Anne Heider 189; Laura Ann Russell 542; James Nelson Gingerich 26; Michael Darby 274t; Shannon Tibbs and Rob Tibbs 117; John David Thacker 49b; Steven T. Schmidgall 156; Barbara Lehr and Shannon Tibbs 236; Andrew Fink-Presler 448t; Anne Missavage 362; Grey Grant 24t; Hannah Lind 472; Mark Bowman 501; Martha Beverly 210; Gerald Shoultz 442; Wendy Wahn and Cecelia Kramer 39t; John Fink and Becca Harrington 183; Jim Helke, Brady Santoro, and Ginny Landgraf 112; Peter Trumbore and Ru Perry-Mize 76b; David Barford and Lori

Graber 311; Sarah Ward, Catherine Brown, and Rob Tibbs 358. Announcements were made.

Matthew Lind lead 62 as the closing song. Michael Miller dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Matthew Lind; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

### **SACRED HARP AND JEREMIAH INGALLS SINGING**

**Newbury Center Town House, Newbury, Vermont**

**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

The class was called to order by Justin Squizzero leading 32t. Squizzero offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rachel Rudi 460, 499; Liz Patton 274b, 283; Tim Gregg 68b, 69b; Marie Brandis 411, 108b; Donna Carlson 89 (ICH), 128 (ICH); Grant Cook 129 (ICH), 98; Kerry Cullinan 569b, 70t; Scott Luscombe 548, 177 (ICH); Erin Fulton 28 (ICH), 39 (ICH).

RECESS

The class was returned to order by Evan Landon leading 362 and 240 (ICH).

Leaders: Noah Mease 324, 48t; Michaela Natal 93 (ICH), 15 (ICH); Bill Holt 25 (ICH), 5 (ICH); Jenni Lund 49b, 180; Ron Trial 114 (ICH), 217 (ICH); Christopher Hodges 13 (ICH), 31 (ICH); Larry Bingham 193, 313t; Dan Coppock 304, 35 (ICH). Justin Squizzero asked a blessing before dinner.

LUNCH

The class was returned to order by Sage Chase-Dempsey leading 445. Leaders: Clay Zelle Towne 384, 58 (ICH); Ezra Halleck 60 (ICH), 11 (ICH); Isabel Linhares 45 (ICH), 277; Margaret Graver 7 (ICH), 61 (ICH); George Howe 148, 410t; Tim Gregg 8 (ICH); Marie Brandis 157; Grant Cook 23 (ICH); Michaela Natal 34 (ICH); Bill Holt 201 (ICH); Erin Fulton 51; Liz Patton 236 (ICH); Christopher Hodges 102 (ICH).

RECESS

The class was returned to order by Donna Carlson leading 111t. Leaders: Evan Landon 33b; Scott Luscombe 180 (ICH); Ron Trial 221 (ICH); Noah Mease 162; Kerry Cullinan 241 (ICH); Ezra Halleck 185 (ICH); Margaret Graver 330b; Clay Zelle Towne 189; Isabel Linhares 203 (ICH); George Howe 47t; Evan Landon 68t; Dan Coppock 78 (ICH); Sage Chase-Dempsey 42.

A business meeting was held in order to hear reports from various committees. Sage Chase-Dempsey gave the Secretary's Report stating that twenty-one leaders from six states led thirty-five songs from *The Sacred Harp* and thirty-five songs from Jeremiah Ingalls' *Christian Harmony*. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Justin Squizzero led 62 as the closing song, offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Justin Squizzero; Secretary—Sage Chase-Dempsey

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONVENTION, COLORADO SESSION**

**Park Hill Masonic Lodge, Denver, Colorado**

**July 19-20, 2025**

**Saturday, July 19**

The 31st annual Rocky Mountain Convention, Colorado Session, was held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in July at the Park Hill Masonic Lodge in Denver, Colorado.

The following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Schmitt; Rising Chair—Mary Andrews; Treasurer—Erik Mason; Secretaries—Julia Zaffarano and Paul Landskroener.

Julia Zaffarano brought the class to order leading 34b. The opening prayer was offered by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Leaders: David Schmitt 344; Erik Mason 39t; Nadia Bolz-Weber 535; Mike Chaffin 70t; Corrie Skiles 47t; Catherine Van Duzer 276; Will Sims 313b; Cathy Van Blerkom 95; Joel Igli 198; Lizzy Van Blerkom 266; Ginnie Ely 454; Mia Alvarado 49b; Paul Landskroener 473; Judy Van Duzer 151; Joel Rosen 272; Paul Lindholm 187; Stephanie Fida 153.

RECESS

Julia Zaffarano called the class back to order leading 319. Leaders: Brian McKee 30t; Betsy Jeronen 392; Irene Gilb 474; David McPherson 50t; David Wright 481; Carol Crawford 101b; Vic Wiener 108b; Peggy Morrison 84; Sandy Hill 500; Amandeep Boyer 42; Jan Rogalski 133; Anton Popov 417; Shawn Taylor 188; Mitchell Gustin 203; Rachel Speer 396; Porter Lontz-Underhill 269.

RECESS

David Schmitt called the class back to order leading 122. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 315; Claire Singleton 171; Dean Jens 254; Dorothy Mitchell 352; Kaia Wing 504; Adrian Eldridge 492; Alice Bean 86; Fred Wilkey 515; Kate Fine 532; Julius Pasay 498; Elise Englert 288; Hannah Land 558. Nadia Bolz-Weber offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

David Schmitt called the class back to order leading 480. Leaders: Jamie Dawson 180; Bill DuPre, William DuPre, Robert DuPre, and Andrew DuPre 37b; David Brodeur 197; Jim Crawford, William DuPre, Robert DuPre, and Andrew DuPre 546; Anders Fahey 376; Tamara Wallace 299; Janice Madsen and Evelyn Lamb 47b; Chris Noren 524; Andy Ditzler 475; Gabriel Todd and Stephanie Fida 453; Erik Mason 77b; Sam Ellenberger 383; Laura Vimmerstedt and Carol Crawford 433; Rachel Mazzucco and Evelyn Lamb 159; Dorothy Mitchell 384; David Wright 542; Shawn Taylor 29t; Irene Gilb 196; Betsy Jeronen 440; Claire Singleton 189.

RECESS

Julia Zaffarano called the class back to order leading 379. Leaders: Mitchell Gustin 227; Andy Ditzler 278b; Ginnie Ely 228; Porter Lontz-Underhill 112; Rachel Speer 298; David McPherson 430; Mary Andrews 421; Adrian Eldridge 422; Fred Wilkey 236; Kaia Wing 178; Julius Pasay 300; Shelby Williamson 378t; Kate Fine 400; David Brodeur 404; Bill DuPre 426t; Hannah Land 318; Tamara Wallace 101t; Alice Bean 503; Jamie Dawson 160b; David Schmitt 267. The Chairman made final remarks. Nadia Bolz-Weber offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

### Sunday, July 20

The Sunday session of the Rocky Mountain Convention, Colorado Session, was held at the Park Hill Masonic Lodge and song selections were from the *B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Revision*. David Schmitt brought the class to order leading 30t (CB). The opening prayer was offered by Catherine Van Duzer. Leaders: Mary Andrews 268t (CB); Will Sims 587 (CB); Lizzy Van Blerkom 98 (CB); Paul Landskroener 590 (CB); Jan Rogalski 505 (CB); Anita Landess 137 (CB); Vic Wiener 71 (CB); Corrie Skiles 518 (CB) (for Pete Mathewson); Peggy Morrison 31t (CB); Ginnie Ely 196 (CB); Joel Igli 511t (CB); Mia Alvarado 121 (CB); Cathy Van Blerkom 332 (CB); Erik Mason 140 (CB); Nadia Bolz-Weber 571 (CB); Mike Chaffin 292b (CB).

RECESS

Julia Zaffarano brought the class back to order leading 155 (CB). Leaders: Dorothy Mitchell 175b (CB); Evelyn Lamb 416t (CB); Chris Noren 486 (CB); Kate Fine 450 (CB); Brian McKee 500 (CB); David Wright 449 (CB); Carol Crawford 266b (CB); Bill DuPre, William DuPre, Robert DuPre, and Andrew DuPre 369 (CB); Amandeep Boyer 572 (CB); Dean Jens 375 (CB); Shawn Taylor 581 (CB); Gabriel Todd and Stephanie Fida 434 (CB); Sharon Kermiet 553 (CB); Kaia Wing 132 (CB).

RECESS

Mike Chaffin brought the class back to order leading 32t (CB). Leaders: Anton Popov 210 (CB); Andy Ditzler 348b (CB); Claire Singleton 68 (CB); Sandy Hill 380t (CB); David McPherson 107 (CB); Fred Wilkey 99 (CB).

A lesson for the sick and shut-ins was conducted. Sharon Kermiet then led 95b (CB) for the following: Larry Ballinger, Joyce Walton, Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Cecil Roberts, Judy Henry, Cornelia Van Dan Doel, Colleen Baade, Ann Bogard, Kathryn Eastburn, Denise Kania, Emily Casey, Adam Barnes, Daniel Oldham, Steve Hoyt, and Carol Gio.

Paul Landskroener conducted the memorial lesson and led 41 (CB) in memory of the following deceased: Robert Burns Bruner, Dorothy Scott Gibbs, and John Breitsch—Colorado; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin; Susan Fethcho—California; Buell Cobb, Lucy Heidorn, Julia Poston, and Pauline Oliver—Alabama; Bob Goodman—Georgia; Chloe Webb—Texas; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Kennedy—Ireland; Wendi Ward and Jeff Bell—Minnesota; Damon Giovanelli and Don Davidson—New Mexico; Rob Mahoney, Bernard Collard, and Steven Biggs—United Kingdom; Corrone Bryant and Ruthanne Bryant—Maine and Florida; Jabbara Edwards, Reed Schilbach, and Cora Winterberg—Washington; Dave Bennett—Pennsylvania; Mitchell Dean—Virginia.

Evelyn Lamb led 583 (CB). Catherine Van Duzer offered the prayer before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Catherine Van Duzer called the class back to order leading 335 (CB). Leaders: Julius Pasay 133 (CB); Jamie Dawson 168 (CB); Paul Lilley 68t (CB); Shelby Williamson 162 (CB); Adrian Eldridge 563 (CB); David Brodeur 202 (CB); Sam Ellenger 250 (CB); Rachel Speer 514 (CB); Irene Gilb and Nicolás Garcia 393 (CB); Hannah Land 522 (CB); Alice Bean and Adrian Eldridge 40 (CB); Marie Adams and Sharon Kermiet 54t (CB); Mitchell Gustin and Elise Englert 277 (CB); Porter Lontz-Underhill 142 (CB); Julia Zaffarano 380b (CB); Paul Lindholm 555 (CB).

#### RECESS

Corrie Skiles called the class back to order leading 268b (CB). Leaders: Jim Crawford and Mary Crawford 588 (CB); Janice Madsen and Evelyn Lamb 239 (CB); Sandy Hill and Rose Lange 72 (CB); Judy Van Duzer 447b (CB); Stephanie Fida 326 (CB); Chris Noren 229 (CB); Carol Crawford 50t (CB); Dean Jens 543 (CB); Brian McKee 501 (CB); Kate Fine 574 (CB); David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 464 (CB); Catherine Van Duzer and Corrie Skiles 280 (CB); Irene Gilb, David McPherson, Mitchell Gustin, Vic Wiener, Nicolás Garcia, Porter Lontz-Underhill, Peggy Morrison, Claire Singleton, and Elise Englert 146 (CB); Anton Popov 392 (CB).

A business meeting was held to hear committee reports. The Treasurer reported that all expenses were met. The Secretary reported one hundred seven registered singers. Sixty-four leaders, representing fifteen states and the United Kingdom, led one hundred sixty-five tunes during the weekend. 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. The meeting was closed. Announcements about singings were made.

David Schmitt led 527 (CB) as the closing song. Catherine Van Duzer offered the closing prayer, and class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Schmitt; Rising Chair—Mary Andrews; Secretaries—Julia Zaffarano and Paul Landskroener

### WALKER COUNTY CONVENTION

Jasper, Alabama

Saturday, July 20, 2025

The 110th session of the Walker County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at First Presbyterian Church (Presbyterian Church in America), 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 Philip Gilmore.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 35; Philip Gilmore 37b, 33b; Linda Booth 523, 110; Beth Branscome 467, 52t; Tom Booth 34b, 123t; Roma Rice 63, 97; Lisa Geist 472, 410t; Louise Yeager 36b, 112.

#### RECESS

The class was brought to order by Philip Gilmore leading 278t. Leaders: Rebekah Gilmore 122, 276; Linda Booth, Chilton Day, Meleigha Mauldin, and Nick McDonald 45t; Darlene Reynolds 490, 569b; Amber Davis 373 (for Paula Springfield), 208; Becky Briggs 81t (for Bunk Beasley), 108t; Derek Kitchens and Levi Kitchens 163b, 49t; Marlin Beasley 47t, 47b; Mike Hankins 46, 527; Beth Branscome 148, 300; Linda Booth 220.

#### LUNCH

Philip Gilmore began the afternoon session by leading 76b. Leaders: Tom Booth 176b; Roma Rice 452; Lisa Geist 546; Rebekah Gilmore 448b; Darlene Reynolds 145t; Amber Davis 192; Becky Briggs 460 (in memory of Elsie Beasley); Marlin Beasley and Becky Briggs 146; Linda Booth 361; Mike Hankins 111t; Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 87; Chilton Day, Meleigha Mauldin, and Nick McDonald 365, 268; Glenn Keeton 64, 117, 278t. Announcements were made.

Brenda Chafin led 521 as the closing song. Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Linda Booth

### **CHAFIN, HARBINSON, AND HOLLIS MEMORIAL New Prospect Church, Cullman County, Alabama**

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

The 151st 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 111t. The opening prayer was offered by Tom Booth.

A business meeting was held and the class retained the same officers as follows:

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary and Arranging—Ann Jett.

Leaders: Brenda Chafin 30t; Tom Booth 123t, 309; Mary Amelia Taylor 31b, 34b; Glenn Keeton 75, 86; Nancy Phillips 63, 87; Darlene Reynolds 288, 282; Yancey Jett 312b, 89; Linda Booth 46, 222; Laurie Keeton 455, 59; Susan Allred 35, 97.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back together by Brenda Chafin leading 88t. Leaders: Ken Tate 503, 378t; Joyce Morton 32t; Louise Yeager 276, 426b; Amber Davis 391, 224; Greg Allred 452, 36b; Stanley Smith 130, 498; Lisa Geist 564, 328; Roma Rice 137; Seth Allred 500, 29t; Nicole Scott 200, 528 (for Larry Ballinger); Ann Jett 269, 546. By request, Nicole Scott played 457 on her violin and the class sang along.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Tom Booth leading 475. Leaders: Laurie Keeton 358; Mary Amelia Taylor 228; Glenn Keeton 163b; Nancy Phillips 277; Darlene Reynolds 145b; Yancey Jett 440; Linda Booth 441; Susan Allred 384; Ken Tate 385t; Joyce Morton 101t; Louise Yeager 100; Amber Davis 436 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon); Greg Allred 72b; Lisa Geist 272; Roma Rice 66; Nichole Scott 439; Ann Jett 319. By request, Nicole Scott played 81t on her violin and the class sang along. Lisa Geist presented a plaque of appreciation from the Sacred Harp Publishing Company to the family of Ozella Chafin Blackmon in recognition of her many years of support to Sacred Harp singing and tradition. Announcements were made.

Branda Chafin, Tom Booth, and Ann Jett led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Ken Tate, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Brenda Chafin; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Ann Jett

### **KALAMAZOO SINGING**

**Kalamazoo, Michigan**

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

The 27th session of the Kalamazoo Sacred Harp singing was held on the third Sunday in July in the Carriage Barn at the Drake Farmstead, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Martha Beverly called the class to order leading 283. Peter Trumbore offered the morning prayer, and then led 40.

Leaders: Marjorie Harrington 39t; John Fink 268; Ginny Shilliday and Bess Fitzgerald 178; Bess Fitzgerald 171; Brady Santoro 91; Lori Gruber 139; Brandon Buxton 335; Ginny Landgraf 36b (for Rochelle Lodder); Steven T. Schmidgall 473; Linda Heemskerk 70b; Mark Bowman 454; Cecelia Kramer 71; James Nelson Gingerich 448b; Becca Harrington 504; Jim Helke 309.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Rob Tibbs and Will Fitzgerald leading 117.

Leaders: Erin Campbell 114; Matthew Lind 472; Gillian Inksetter 411; Samuel Sommers 386; Grace Flanagan and Brady Santoro 254; Tom Evers 569b; Anne Heider 47t; Barbara Lehr and Shannon Tibbs 56b; Randy Neufeld 288 (in honor of his bike trip to Kalamazoo); Anne Evers 196; Shannon Tibbs 344; Grey Grant 85; Eileen Ferguson 479; Catherine Brown 84; Steve Warner 81t; Deborah Taube 276; Will Fitzgerald 107 (for Sidra Schkerke).

RECESS

Gillian Inksetter brought the class back together leading 32t. Leaders: Kathryn Buxton and Brandon Buxton 285t; Nancy Spates 49t; Brad Baughman 128; Bonnie Meyer and Deborah Taube 63; June Murphy 93; Gerald Shoultz 277; Harkin Massopust 131t; Steven T. Schmidgall 477; Ginny Landgraf 505; Lori Gruber 379; Peter Trumbore 300.

LUNCH

Will Fitzgerald brought the class to order by leading 142. Leaders: Samuel Sommers 560; Gillian Inksetter 507; John Fink 38b; Brady Santoro 250; Erin Campbell 159; Deborah Taube 299; James Nelson Gingerich 49b; Barbara Lehr and Shannon Tibbs 317; June Murphy 98; Anne Evers and Tom Evers 270; Jim Helke 235; Ru Perry-Mize 209; Matthew Lind 497; Anne Heider and Steve Warner 532; Mark Bowman 503; Randy Neufeld 383; Harkin Massopust 106; Eileen Ferguson 501; Grey Grant 547; Catherine Brown 66; Brandon Buxton 109; Marjorie Harrington, Becca Harrington, Brad Baughman, and Ginny Shilliday 360; Gerald Shoultz, Linda Heemskerk, and Cecelia Kramer 47b; Bess Fitzgerald, Will Fitzgerald, and Kate Lind 447; Martha Beverly 368. Announcements were made.

Martha Beverly led 323t as the closing song. Peter Trumbore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Martha Beverly; Secretary—Marjorie Harrington

### **GLEANN MAGHAIR SINGING**

**Glanmire, Cork, Ireland**

**Friday, July 25, 2025**

Aislinn Ahern brought the class to order by leading 28t. Leaders: Katie Ahern 29t; Niamh Gordon 33t; Laurie Skelton 30t; Sinead Hanrahan 36b; Ross Harbison 30b; Colleen Jones 176b; Aislinn Ahern 176t; Katie Ahern 138t; Niamh Gordon 42t; Laurie Skelton 76b; Sinead Hanrahan 217; Ross Harbison 175; Colleen Jones 351;

Aislinn Ahern 350; Katie Ahern 451; Niamh Gordon 422; Laurie Skelton 207; Sinead Hanrahan 230; Ross Harbison 229.

**RECESS**

Colleen Jones restored order by leading 347. Leaders: Aislinn Ahern 269; Katie Ahern 390; Niamh Gordon 348t; Laurie Skelton 271t; Sinead Hanrahan 335; Colleen Jones 475. Aislinn Ahern led 472 to close, and the class was dismissed. Chair and Secretary—Aislinn Ahern

**COTACO CONVENTION SINGING**  
**Morgan County, Alabama**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2025**

The 136th session of the Cotaco Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Gum Pond Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The class was called to order by Nicholas Thompson leading 31b. David Jackson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 126; Judy Caudle 276 (in memory of J.L. and Glenda Hopper); Butch White 448t, 448b; Tom Booth 523; Hazel Heinze 551; Winfred Kerr 517; Nancy Phillips 282; Daniel Bearden 103; Judy Chambliss 146; Christopher Mann 515; Linda Booth 166 (in memory of Julia Poston); Robert Chambliss 480; Zena Tucker 30t; Philip Gilmore 47b; Marlin Beasley 270; Dan Hopper 179.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back together by Alex Forsyth leading 111t. Leaders: Beth Branscome 96; David Jackson 499; Ann Jett 155 (in memory of Lucy Heidorn and for Wanda Capps); Glenn Keeton 349 (in memory of Mike Hinton); Karen Rollins 123t (in memory of Buell Cobb and Mike Hinton); Bridge Hill Kennedy 31t; David Light 200; Lori Rodgers 379 (in memory of Elder Gerald Hand and Mike Hinton); David Carlton 280; Mark Davis 507; Brenda Chafin 328; Elene Stovall 558; Darlene Reynolds 454. Carol Newman 220 (in memory of Marvin Hopper, Omerlean Hopper, and Tracy Newman). Elder Daniel Hopper asked for a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Nicholas Thompson leading 298 (for Wanda Capps). Leaders: Theresa Westmoreland 377; Loyd Ivey 318 (in memory of Eloise Wootten and for Louise Ivey); Lisa Geist 492; Dennis George 486; Chris Ballinger 546; James George 59; Amber Davis 50b (for Larry Ballinger); Stefani Priskos 475 (for Dan and Elsa Phemayotin); Thomas Begley 460; Drew McGuire 513; Cheyenne Ivey 172; Rebekah Gilmore 272; Sarah George 430; Alex Forsyth 185; Shelby Castillo 411; Tom George 456; Rachael Geary 348b; Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle 459, 146 (for Wanda Capps); Alex Forsyth 373 (by request); Lisa Geist and Chris Ballinger 84 (by request); Tom George 358 (by request); Loyd Ivey 283; Mark Davis and Glenn Keeton 340 (in memory of Buell Cobb and Mike Hinton).

Announcements were made.

Nicholas Thompson and Judy Caudle led 323t as the closing song. Elder Daniel Hopper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**MAINE SINGING**  
**Topsham Grange, Topsham, Maine**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2025**

The 22nd session of the Maine All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. Chris Holley called the class to order leading 52t. Robert Stoddard offered a prayer.

Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 481; Sara Sandberg 556; Nick Pappas 141; Patty McNerney 335; Mary Ganter 175; Kerry Cullinan 84; Rachel Taylor 99; Eric Sandberg 106; Sue Peters 63; Ethan McNerney 400; Anne Kazlauskas 284; Jesse Vear 411; Tom Evers 30t; Donna Carlson 340; Evan Landon 48b; Pleasance Crawford 293; John Hughes 472; Erin Fulton 398; William Schuller 132; McGhee Steiner 32t.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Esther Wade leading 144. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 425; Charles Biada 545; Holly Long 391; Robert Stoddard 82t; Joanne Fuller 344; Treasurer Kerry Cullinan 98; Christina Foley 32b; Bill Holt 528; Kshama Ananthapura 217; Kit Walsh 336; Elea Regembal 564; Stuart Jackson 572; Ethan McNerney remembered the sick and shut-ins and led 547 for Lynn Fulton Pfaffenstiel, Tom Waggoner, Kendall, Quasa, Amy Frankel, Bob Frankel, Inex Benchasa, Joyce Walton, Bobbie Goodell, Josh Huston, Audrey Bolduc, Karen McLellan, Pat Callahan, Joan Nagy, Daniel Wootton, Dan Phemayotin, and Don Bowen.

Philou conducted the memorial lesson and led 539 in memory of the following deceased: Grady Waid Denney Burgess and Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia; Corrone Bryant and RuthAnne Bryant—Maine and Florida; Buell Cobb—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; Sally Gethner Handler—Illinois; Elka Schumann and Steve Crevoshay—Vermont; Margery Whiteman, Cate Skidmore, and Hollie Ruthberg—New York; Mrs. Annye Anderson—Massachusetts; Paul Howard Read, Paul Ladanceur, Eva Cukermann, Daniel Dandeneault, Tom McIllwraith and Mary McIllwraith—Canada; Kurt Orenstein—Switzerland; Tymek Bieniowski—Poland; Patricia Ayotte—Connecticut; Janet Johnson—California. Rachel Taylor offered a prayer.

Leaders: Pippa Stoddard 418; Tim Gregg 498; Magdalena Zapedowske 86; Jon Adler 511; Molly Sander 569b; Sage Chase-Dempsey 30b; Joan Frankel 216; Ivy Hauser-Hall 26; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 138b; Mary Skidmore 142; Isabel Linhares 277; Anne Evers 392; Brian Harris 419; Gwen Gethner 349. Ethan McNerney offered grace before lunch.

**LUNCH**

The class was brought back to order by Christina Foley leading 81t. Leaders: Em Ekelund 404; Philou 455; Jonathan Kaufman Scher and Charles Biada 87; Patrick Foley 70b; John Hughes 377; Esther Wade 384; Pippa Stoddard 228; Hal Booth 254; Mary Skidmore 29t; Kit Walsh 447; Isabel Linhares 500; George Sigut 448t; William Schuller 327; Sage Chase-Dempsey 442; Pete Sandberg 435; Pleasance Crawford 174; Tim Gregg 423; Ivy Hauser-Hall 192; Brian Harris 383; Magdalena Zapedowske 300.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Tim Gregg and Jon Adler leading 105. Leaders: Evan Landon and Jill Clough 378b; Erin Fulton 116; Stuart Jackson 295; Donna Carlson and Mary Ganter 496; Bill Holt 376; Barbara Swetman 91; Anne Kazlauskas 474; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 189; Anne Evers 204; Em Ekelund 345b; Jon Adler 532; Holly Long 208; Elea Regembul 131b; Sue Peters 294; Joan Frankel 71; Molly Sander 155.

Chris Holley led 62 as the closing song. Erin Fulton dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Chris Holley; Secretary—Sara Sandberg

**SWANNANOA SHAPE NOTE SINGING**  
**Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2025**

The 17th annual Swannanoa Shape Note Singing was held at 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 an opening prayer from Ron Pen. Leaders: Eli Snyder 47t; Emma Parrish 497; Jonathan Wood 51; Larry Hall 551; John Plunkett 171; Brian Boris 282; Chris Wilhelm 376; Leslie Booher 319; Jacob Lindler 93; Lynda Hambourger 373; Dave Farmer 318; Daron Douglas 284; Michael Archer 39t; Kevin Kehrberg 112; Judy Mincey 291; Mary Baumeister 124; Ron Pen 128; Michael Spencer 393; Robert Kelley 458; Sarah Kehrberg 313b.

RECESS

Maddy Mullany brought the class to order leading 21 (CH). Leaders: Clarke Williams 54 (CH); Emma Parrish 170 (CH); Joe Holbert 214 (CH); Eli Snyder 316 (CH); Jonathan Wood 426 (CH); Chris Wilhelm 257 (CH); Brian Boris 85 (CH); Mary Baumeister 238 (CH).

Sarah Kehrberg and Clarke Williams conducted the memorial lesson. The names of the sick and shut-ins were read aloud. They led 400 (CH). Clarke Williams read the names of the deceased aloud, and led 111t (CH).

Leaders: John Plunkett 462t (CH); Judy Mincey 223 (CH); Lynda Hambourger 299 (CH); Jacob Lindler 431 (CH); Dave Farmer 432b (CH). Sarah Kehrberg offered a blessing for the meal.

LUNCH

Kevin Kehrberg began the afternoon session by leading 89 (CH). Leaders: Ron Pen 117 (CH); Michael Spencer 455b (CH); Sarah Kehrberg 546b (CH); Robert Kelley 174 (CH); Andy Morse 493b (CH); Leslie Booher 164t (CH); Larry Hall and Jonathan Wood 171 (CH); Jonathan Wood 295 (SoH) (for Will Partain); Mary Baumeister 315 (SoH); John Plunkett 280b (SoH); Judy Mincey 72t (SoH); Eli Snyder 30 (SoH); Jacob Lindler 318 (SoH); Maddy Mullany 132 (SoH) (for Bob Richmond).

RECESS

Sarah Kehrberg brought the class to order leading 16 (SoH). Leaders: Clarke Williams 325 (SoH); Daron Douglas 163b (for S.L. McTaggart); Candace Burch 47b; Dave Farmer 109 (SoH); Lynda Hambourger 448t; Michael Archer 445; Francesca Costantino and Sarah Kehrberg 178; Andy Morse 280; Michael Spencer 308; Emma Parrish 353; Robert Kelley 67 (SoH); Milt Crofts 89t (SoH); Brian Boris 82b (CH); Leslie Booher 180 (CH); John Plunkett 133 (CH); Kevin Kehrberg 436b (CH); Jonathan Wood 242; Ron Pen 455; Larry Hall 142.

The class entered a business meeting and voted to keep the same officers and resolved to meet again in 2026. Fifty-two singers from eight states, Germany and the UK registered; twenty-seven leaders led seventy-two songs. Following announcements the officers led 267 as the closing song. Sarah Kehrberg offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Sarah Kehrberg; Vice Chair—Ron Pen; Secretary—Eli Snyder

## **MT. ZION MEMORIAL SINGING**

**Mt. Zion, Georgia**

**Sunday, July 27, 2025**

The 131st 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 59. John Plunkett offered the morning prayer. Oscar McGuire welcomed the visitors and singers then led 34b.

Leaders: Glenda Collins 63, 76b; Winfred Kerr 69t, 225t; Helen Bryson 91, 102; Bert Collins 300, 397; Shawn Taylor 160b, 106; John Plunkett 88b, 381; Robert Chambliss 77b, 111b; Lisa Bennett 220 (in memory of Rebecca Over), 435 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); David Brodeur 201, 318; Bill DuPre 82t, 83b.

RECESS

Oscar McGuire brought the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Nathan Rees 52t, 333; Karen Rollins 347, 354t; David Smead 283 (in memory of Earlis McGraw); Judy Chambliss 373, 454 (in memory of Virginia Dyer); Helen Bryson 313b, 568; John Plunkett 420, 476; Robert Chambliss 452; Lisa Bennett 483, 544; Oscar McGuire 350, 66; Shawn Taylor 320.

#### LUNCH

Oscar McGuire brought the class back together leading 32t. Leaders: David Smead 32b, 342; David Brodeur 202, 346; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 175, 340; Winfred Kerr 516, 282; Karen Rollins 213b, 348t; Nathan Rees 82b; Bill DuPre 348b, 426t. Announcements were made.

Oscar McGuire led 347 as the closing song. Judy Chambliss offered the closing prayer.

Chairman—Oscar McGuire; Vice Chairman—Glenda Collins; Secretary—Judy Chambliss

### CAMP SINGERS SINGING

Delhi, New York

Saturday, August 2, 2025

The Camp Singers All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Harry Bernholz and Sebastian Beaghen leading 34b. Harry Bernholz offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Keillor Mose 32t; Nancy Mandel 35; Jason Steidl Jack 34t; George Sigut 178; Sam Kleinman 171. A singing school was taught by Harry Bernholz and Sebastian Beaghen, using 45t as a teaching tool. Leaders: Michael Ipsen 112; Keillor Mose 276; Marlena Ospina 284; Harry Bernholz 339; Nancy Mandel 40.

#### RECESS

Sam Kleinman called the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Marlena Ospina 67; Jasmine Mendoza 77t; Marie Brandis 168; Chris Cotter 460; Keillor Mose 49b; Nancy Mandel 105; Jason Steidl Jack 404; Harry Bernholz 497; Sebastian Beaghen 480; Jon Adler 228; Michael Ipsen 344; Keillor Mose 505; Marlena Ospina 270; Sam Kleinman 399b; Chris Cotter 399t; Harry Bernholz 501; Jasmine Mendoza 500.

#### RECESS

Nancy Mandel called the class back to order leading 81t. Leaders: Keillor Mose 83b; Jon Adler 431; Sebastian Beaghen 192; Harry Bernholz 89; Marlena Ospina 198; Michael Ipsen 210; Sam Kleinman 475; Jason Steidl Jack 498; Nancy Mandel 313t; George Sigut 376; Marie Brandis 392; Harry Bernholz 250; Sam Kleinman 312b; Keillor Mose 47t; Marlena Ospina 47b; Jon Adler 511; Chris Cotter 410b; Keillor Mose 65. Announcements were made.

Harry Bernholz and Sebastian Beaghen led 565 as the closing song. Harry Bernholz offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Harry Bernholz; Secretary—Sebastian Beaghen

### THE MOBILE SACRED HARP SINGING

Mobile, Alabama

Saturday, August 2, 2025

The 3rd annual Mobile Sacred Harp All-Day Singing was held at Government Street United Methodist Church, 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 380t (CB), who gave a few introductory remarks about Sacred Harp and then gave a warm welcome to all in attendance. The opening prayer was offered by Joshua McCoy.

*The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition.* Leaders: Kevin Dyess 142 (CB); Nancy Van Dan Akker 392 (CB); Nicole Bowman 543b (CB), 300 (CB); Gary Padgett 460 (CB), 156 (CB); Ryan Bowman 30b (CB), 186 (CB); DeAna Autry 348t (CB), 336t (CB); Joshua McCoy 563 (CB), 264t (CB); Lachlan Woodson 463 (CB), 571 (CB); Anne Royappa 504t (CB), 68t (CB); Tim Royappa 27 (CB), 67 (CB).

RECESS

*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.* Leaders: Kevin Dyess 480, 127; Nancy Van Dan Akker 178; Nicole Bowman 430, 503; Gary Padgett 278b, 442; Ryan Bowman 86, 240; DeAna Autry 276, 65; Joshua McCoy 84, 133; Anne Royappa 105; Rowan Marye 113; Tim Royappa 107; Laura Jane 159.

Kevin Dyess gave the memorial lesson and led 574 (CB) in memory of the following: Charlotte Naylor—Alabama; and Micky Smith—Florida. A prayer for those held in memory was given by Joshua McCoy, and Kevin Dyess led the class in singing 369 (CB). The abundant lunch offerings were blessed by Mrs. Margaret Dyess.

LUNCH

*The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition.* The afternoon session began with Georgeanna Presnell leading 96 (CB) and 335 (CB). Leaders: Nancy Van Dan Akker 229 (CB); Nicole Bowman 38b (CB); Gary Padgett 572 (CB); Ryan Bowman 358 (CB); DeAna Autry 268t (CB); Joshua McCoy 38t (CB); Anne Royanna 163t (CB), 332 (CB); Tim Royappa 45b (CB), 101b (CB).

RECESS

*The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition.* Leaders: Georgeanna Presnell 47b, 87; Nancy Van Dan Akker 168; Nicole Bowman 163b (by request), 112; Gary Padgett 198; Ryan Bowman 535; DeAna Autry 288; Joshua McCoy 146; Anne Royappa 284; Rowan Marye 285t, 99; Tim Royappa 504; Laura Jane 58, 348b. Announcements were made. Kevin Dyess led 559 (CB) as the closing song. Kent Dueitt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Kevin Dyess; Vice Chairman—DeAna Autry; Arranging Committee and Secretary—Kate Barrett

## CALHOUN COUNTY CONVENTION

Vardaman, Mississippi

Saturday, August 9, 2025

The 147th 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 the song on page 32t. Arlon Gardner offered the morning prayer. Drew McGuire then led 147t. Lisa Geist and Nicholas Thompson served as the Arranging Committee.

Leaders: Warren Steel 208, 163t; Nicholas Thompson 436, 120; Molly Gatewood 70b, 323b; Jeff James 86, 480; Henry McGuire 414t (WB), 196 (WB); Sophia Gardner 267, 455; Mike Hankins 34b, 168; Richard Vinson 144, 163b; Doug Cantrell 517 (WB), 354b.

RECESS

Drew McGuire called the class together leading 296. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 146, 410t; Anne Steel 512, 503; Robert Earl Alexander 339, 53 (for Fred Hawkins); Darlene Reynolds 454, 490; Joe Vinson 71, 457; Will Gatewood 509 (WB), 512 (WB); Mark Tew 139, 30t; Curtis Gregory 288, 119.

LUNCH

After a plentiful and delicious lunch, President Drew McGuire restored order and led 131b. Leaders: Mark Davis 154b (WB), 220; Danny Creel 383, 269; Regina Derstine 460, 547; Arlon Gardner 569b, 475; Chuck Howell 373, 440; Amber Davis 134, 391; Lisa Geist 472, 528; Matthew Pryor 341, 317; Mike Hankins 527; Nicholas Thompson 140; Molly and Will Gatewood 127; Drew McGuire 236.

In a business session, Drew McGuire was retained as President, and Warren Steel was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. 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 2026 on the 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 and Saturday before in August at Antioch Church, Scott County, Mississippi. A singing will also be held at Taylor Methodist Church in Lafayette County on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Following announcements, Drew McGuire led 62 as the closing song. Arlon Gardner dismissed the convention with prayer.

President—Drew McGuire; Secretary-Treasurer—Warren Steel

**CHICAGO ANN SLEEGA MEMORIAL COOPER BOOK SINGING**  
**57th Street Meeting of Friends (Quaker House), Chicago, Illinois**  
**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

The 10th annual Chicago Ann Sleeva Memorial *Cooper Book* Singing was held at the 57th Street Meeting of Friends, also known as Quaker House, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday before the second Sunday in August. Jim Helke called the class to order at 10:00 a.m. leading 511t. Ginny Landgraf offered the opening prayer, and Matthew Siefert welcomed singers.

Leaders: Scott Stieg 427; Jim Swanson 38t; Matthew Siefert 101t; Eric Schwab 30t; Mary Rogel 575; Randy Neufeld 512; June Murphy 345t; Ginny Landgraf 224. In a business meeting, Matthew Siefert was elected Chair; June Murphy Vice Chair; and Mary Rogel Secretary.

Leaders: Brady Santoro 478; Jonathan Smith 292b; Troy Sherman 422b; Jerry Gripshover and Jim Helke 507b; Jim Helke 485.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Randy Neufeld 106; Scott Stieg 122; Jim Swanson 269; Matthew Siefert 571; Eric Schwab 559; Tracy Walsh and Ginny Landgraf 47b; Mary Rogel 572; Rochelle Lodder 225t; Randy Neufeld 586; June Murphy 563; Ginny Landgraf 169; Brady Santoro 232, 235; Jonathan Smith 98; Troy Sherman 196; Jerry Gripshover and Jim Helke 587; Jim Helke 486; Scott Stieg 161. Ginny Landgraf offered a prayer prior to lunch.

**LUNCH**

Leaders: Jim Swanson 51; Matthew Siefert 462; Eric Schwab 567; Mary Rogel 574; Rochelle Lodder 140; Randy Neufeld 463; June Murphy 392; Ginny Landgraf 590; Ethan Archer-Helke 449; Jonathan Smith 497; Randy Neufeld 102; Troy Sherman 216; Jerry Gripshover and Jim Helke 218; Jim Helke 541.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 514; Scott Stieg 300; Jim Swanson 504; Matthew Siefert 55; Eric Schwab 336t; Randy Neufeld and Matthew Siefert 543; Mary Rogel 500; Rochelle Lodder 589; June Murphy 93; Ginny Landgraf 423; Julian Otis and Ginny Landgraf 492; Jonathan Smith 450; Brady Santoro 39 (for his grandfather); Eric Schwab 229; Troy Sherman and Eric Schwab 80t.

Matthew Siefert thanked everyone for their contributions to the singing and called for reports from the Secretary and the Finance Committee before opening the floor for announcements.

Matthew Siefert and June Murphy led 95b as the closing song, and Ginny Landgraf dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Matthew Siefert; Vice Chair—June Murphy; Secretary—Mary Rogel

**INDIANA STATE FAIR SINGING**  
**Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, Indiana**  
**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

The latest in a series of yearly singings at the Indiana State Fair that first occurred in 2004 met in the Opry House in the Pioneer Village section of the Indiana State Fairgrounds on the second Saturday of the Indiana State Fair. The class was called to order by Sarah Ward leading 59. Brad Bahler offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Thomas Smith 31t; William McNiece 47t; Carolyn Craig 287; Barbara Lehr 34b; Andrew Shaffer 284; Darrell Lahm 445; Laurel Cornell and Sarah Ward 66; Tim Morton 181.

The singers were welcomed by Gary Emsweller, Superintendent of the Pioneer Village and Bill Bailey, Coordinator of Music at Pioneer Village.

Leaders: Shannon Tibbs and Rob Tibbs 515; Adrian Eldridge 279; Sam Clark and John Bahler 457; Keith Seidel 80b; Beth Garfinkel 254; Samuel Sommers 217; Cindy Beaule, Sarah Ward, and Aaron Jones 455; Tom Morton 155; Aaron Jones and Eli Sparks 117.

**RECESS**

The class was called back together by Sarah Ward leading 81b. Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 200; Brett Habing and Shannon Tibbs 63; Rachel Bayler and Shannon Tibbs 335; John Bahler 99; Alice Bean 334; Ben Copenhaver 451; Sarah Ward and Sara Colvard 377; Brad Bahler 550; Karen Bahler 40; Andrew Shaffer 56b; Barbara Lehr 236; Tim Morton 269; Carolyn Craig 46; Samuel Sommers 184; Laurel Cornell and Sarah Ward 49b; Stephanie Copenhaver and Ben Copenhaver 129; Ray Rechenberg 277; Laura Mulford, Sarah Ward, Avalyn Chau, Violet Chau, and James Chau 282.

**LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Thomas Smith leading 148. Leaders: William McNiece 547; Darrell Lahm 122; Adrian Eldridge 459; Shannon Tibbs 50t; Keith Seidel 448b; Beth Garfinkel 188; Tom Morton 496; Karen Bahler 74b; Aaron Jones 162; Stephanie Copenhaver, Ben Copenhaver, and Eli Copenhaver 95; Brad Hughley and Sarah Ward 86; Brad Bahler 168; Alice Bean 569b; Cindy Beaule and Shannon Tibbs 178; Thomas Smith 198.

**RECESS**

The class was called back together by Sarah Ward, Katie Harshman, and Abby Harshman leading 45t. Leaders: John Bahler 344; Rachel Bayler, Sarah Ward, and Shannon Tibbs 268; Ben Copenhaver 460; Taylor Hand and Sarah Ward 209; Brett Habing and Sarah Ward 58; Sarah Colvard and Tim Morton 42; Sarah Ward, Kyle Walker, and Community Singers 159. Sarah Ward made announcements. Thomas Smith reported the class had thirty-one leaders coming from IN, OH, KY, IL, and MN. Brad Bahler offered the closing prayer. Sarah Ward led 62 as the closing song. Chair—Sarah Ward; Secretary—William McNiece

**B.M. SMITH AND PHILIP DENNEY MEMORIAL**  
**Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia**  
**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

The annual B.M. Smith and Philip Denney Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Isaac Green and Karis Booth leading 100. Philip Gilmore offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Isaac Green and Karis Booth 448b; Nicholas Thompson 89; Nathan Rees 64; Robert Chambliss 84; Karen Rollins 99; Bill Denney 73t; Sheri Taylor 502; Shawn Taylor 465; Winfred Kerr 59; Judy Chambliss 318; Denney Rogers 143; Kathy Williams 142; Lisa Bennett 263; Donna Duke 217; Lee Denney 405; Lauren

Wood 451; Randa Harris 345t; Wyatt Denney 547; Andy Ditzler 87; Casey Cook 147t.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Karis Booth leading 231. Leaders: James Burrell 45b; Jeannette DePoy 111b; Eathan Askin, Emma Darris, Wyatt Denney, Karis Booth, Eva Grace Brumett, Lily Darris, and Hayward Darris 146; Bill DuPree 32t; Elizabeth Aybell 81t; Sarah George and James George 428; John Plunkett 488; Charles Woods 453; Karis Booth and Isaac Green 475 (in memory of B.M. Smith), 120 (in memory of Philip Denney).

Karen Rollins conducted the memorial lesson. She spoke and read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Nate Green, Joyce Walton, Karleen Williams, Don Bowen, Wanda Capps, Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Margaret Keeton, David Light, and Lisa Roberts. She then spoke and read the following list of names of the deceased: Grady Denney Burgess and Beverly Rollins Thompson—Georgia; Mike Hinton—Texas; Buell Cobb, Virginia Futral, William Futral, Theresa Bethune, Corbin Rogers, Julia Poston, Pauling Oliver, Chris Shepherd—Alabama; John Bennett—Germany. Karen led 129.

Leaders: Emily Stutzman 153; David Smead 266; Fallon Cook 47b; Rebekah Gilmore 396; David Brodeur 517; Judy Mincey 254; Matt Hinton 460. Keith Horsley asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Karis Booth and Isaac Green leading 145t.

Leaders: James Paisley and Avaré Gass 56t; Garrett Morton 455; Philip Gilmore 411; Theresa Westmoreland 532; Reba Windom 436; Lisa Geist 273; Tom George and Isaac Green 478; Pam Nunn 183 (in memory of Shelbie Sheppard); Matt Hinton 176b (in memory of B.M. Smith and Philip Denney); Rodney Ivey 382; Amber Davis 224; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Oscar McGuire 573; Lauren Bock 432; Shelby Castillo 208; Rodney Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 384; Philip Gilmore and Rebekah Gilmore 276; Lisa Geist and Nicholas Thompson 304; Theresa Westmoreland and Isaac Green 470.

Karis Booth and Isaac Green led 69t as the closing song. Keith Horsley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairs—Karis Booth and Isaac Green; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

### **COCOA BEACH SINGING**

**Lutheran Church of The Resurrection, Cocoa Beach, Florida**

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

The 3rd annual Cocoa Beach All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Cocoa Beach, Florida, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Dean Jens taught a singing school covering the basic rudiments to both honor the tradition and welcome new singers, leading 49t, 131t, 45t, and 429 to illustrate elements of singing, beating time, and how a class follows the leader.

#### RECESS

Rachel Speer called the class together by leading 59. Leaders: José Camacho 58, 65; Dallas Gambrell 63, 268; Anna Strickland 223, 334; Kevin Juarez 142, 217; Miriam Delirium 39t, 448t; Maygan Barker 457, 30b; Shannon Primm 479, 83t.

#### RECESS

Dean Jens called the class back together leading 26. Leaders: Rachel Speer 72b, 187; Kevin Juarez 242, 159; Anna Strickland 29t, 274t.

Rachel Speer conducted a brief memorial lesson, speaking of taking the chance to remember singers and loved ones and to share grief and sing together. She led 430 for the sick and shut-ins Don Bowen and Beverly Dayton. Rachel led 285t in

memory of the deceased Dave Bennett, Buell Cobb, George Gambrell, Bob Wills, Roy Norman, Linda Battle, Jim McNaney, Young-hi Futch, and Mike Hinton. Leaders: Dean Jens 107, 178 (by request); Dallas Gambrell 47b. José Camacho offered prayer to bless the meal.

#### LUNCH

Dean Jens began the afternoon session by leading 375. Leaders: Maygan Barker and Rachel Speer 535, 419, 417; Rachel Speer 126; José Camacho 128, 105; Miriam Delirium 106, 129; Shannon Primm 213t, 278t; Kevin Juarez 293, 300; Anna Strickland 81b, 331.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Dallas Gambrell 186, 481; Maygan Barker 162, 135; José Camacho 448b, 441; Miriam Delirium 440, 138t; Shannon Primm 29b, 475; Rachel Speer 545, 312b; Dean Jens 374; José Camacho 282; Miriam Delirium 284; Kevin Juarez 30t; Shannon Primm 203; Dallas Gambrell 236; Anna Strickland 163t. Announcements were made. Rachel Speer led 69t as the closing song. José Camacho offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Rachel Speer; Secretary—Dean Jens

### **MT. RAINER SINGING Senior Center, Enumclaw, Washington Saturday, August 16, 2025**

The annual Mt. Rainier All-Day Singing was held at The Senior Center in Enumclaw, Washington, on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition*, 2012. The class was called to order by the co-chairs, Anne Huckins and Karen Willard, leading 422. Deb Koch offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bob Schinske 355 (CB); Paul Chamberlain 336b (CB); Peter Schinske 345b (CB); Deb Koch 382 (CB); Nancy Price 125 (CB); Ian Suchon 46 (CB); Pippa Stoddard 56 (CB); Jenna Tompkins 81 (CB); David Wright 267b (CB); Rosie Sokolov 107 (CB); Lucinda Larsen Saue 463 (CB); Sarah McIntush 380t (CB); Ian Kesling 348t (CB); Hannah Thompson 122 (CB); Kate Fine 505 (CB); Kristofer Ilex 558 (CB); Thom Fahrbach 271t (CB) (dedicated to Kevin Barrans); Nancy Novotny 39 (CB); Greg Saue 507b (CB); Nell Whitman 270 (CB) (in honor of Hanseel Hernandez-Blanco).

#### RECESS

The second session was brought back to order by Ian Suchon leading 38t (CB). Leaders: Kate Fortin 85 (CB); Anne Huckins 381t (CB); Betsy Jeronen 464 (CB); Karen Willard 572 (CB); Jennifer Jones 136 (CB); Kathy Vlach 54t (CB); Rosie Sokolov 98 (CB); David Wright 514 (CB); Jenna Tompkins 393 (CB); Bob Schinske 559 (CB); Pippa Stoddard 482 (CB); Ian Kesling 99 (CB); Lucinda Larsen Saue 500 (CB); Peter Schinske 497 (CB); Sarah McIntush 522 (CB); Greg Saue 563 (CB); Hannah Thompson 38b (CB); Deb Koch 72 (CB); Nell Whitman 65 (CB); Paul Chamberlain 188 (CB); Kate Fine 584 (CB); Kristofer Ilex 552 (CB); Thom Fahrbach 279 (CB); Kate Fortin 89 (CB); Kathy Vlach 411 (CB); Nancy Price 375 (CB). Deb Koch offered a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was brought to order by Karen Willard leading 546 (CB). Leaders: Pippa Stoddard 567 (CB); Anne Huckins 278b (CB); Lucinda Larson Saue 36b (CB); Jennifer Jones 201b (CB) (dedicated to Rosie Sokolov); Ian Suchon 229 (CB); Nancy Novotny 515 (CB); Betsy Jeronen 140 (CB); Thom Fahrbach 577 (CB); Nancy Price 217 (CB); Kate Fortin 571 (CB); David Wright 486 (CB); Rosie Sokolov 292b (CB); Kate Fine 199 (CB) (dedicated to Karen Noren and her mother, Amelia

Addams); Jenna Tompkins 503 (CB); Peter Schinske 575 (CB); Sarah McIntush 225t (CB); Kristofer Ilex 416t (CB); Kathy Vlach 581 (CB); Bob Schinske 101t (CB).  
RECESS

The day's final session was brought to order by Peter Abrahamsen leading 48t (CB). Leaders: Nell Whitman 268t (CB); Paul Chamberlain 580 (CB); Nancy Novotny 45b (CB); Deb Koch 108b (CB); Hannah Thompson 68t (CB); Karen Willard 590 (CB); Betsy Jeronen 30t (CB); Ian Kesling 507t (CB); Greg Saue 573 (CB); Sarah McIntush 155 (CB); Anne Huckins 543 (CB); Thom Fahrbach 286b (CB); Ian Suchon 130 (CB); Jennifer Jones 274t (CB); Pippa Stoddard 150 (CB); Rosie Sokolov 587 (CB). Anne Huckins and Kathy Vlach led 147 (CB) as the closing song. Deb Koch delivered the closing prayer. The class was dismissed.

Chairpersons—Kathy Vlach, Anne Huckins, Karen Willard; Secretary—Jenna Tompkins

**SACRED HARP BERLIN**  
**Berlin, Germany**  
**August 16-17, 2025**  
**Saturday, August 16**

The 9th Berlin *Shenandoah Harmony* All-Day Singing was held in Berlin-Neukölln on Saturday. The event was called to order by the chair Mara McPartland, accompanied by co-chair Nataša Kukrika leading 333 (ShH). Announcements were made. Baker Wardlaw offered the opening prayer. All song selections were from the *Shenandoah Harmony*.

Leaders: Petra Ertl 113 (ShH); Caitlin Jay 33 (ShH); David Marnuse 137 (ShH); Graham Ball 204 (ShH); Jessica Sligter 22b (ShH); Tobias Saalmann 106 (ShH); Laura Eisen 403 (ShH); Walburga Ruhl 136 (ShH); Dietmar Schwarz 397 (ShH); Chloe Spreadborough 170 (ShH); Caro Stamm-Reusch 340b (ShH); Peter Kocher 296 (ShH); Molly McCracken 246b (ShH); Baker Wardlaw 260t (ShH); Gerben Vos 78 (ShH); James Schuller 363 (ShH); Juliet McFadden 76t (ShH).

RECESS

The class was called back by Ruby Bilger leading 226 (ShH). Leaders: Mella Tönnies 140b (ShH); Fynn Titford-Mock 214 (ShH); William Schuller 253 (ShH); Ellen Kennedy 205 (ShH); Paula Kühn 42 (ShH); Wa'el Qasim 344t (ShH); Edward Ricemeyer 160 (ShH); Saara Pakarinen 17 (ShH); Elisabeth Schallwig 407 (ShH); Hannah Kennedy 140t (ShH); Erin Kirby 200 (ShH); Johannes Kunst 53 (ShH); Matthew Seifert 158b (ShH); Eloise Clark 216 (ShH); Eimear Maguire 278 (ShH). Hannah Kennedy performed the Treasurer's duties.

RECESS

The class was called back by Sara Hellström leading 110 (ShH). Leaders: Chris Affolter 171 (ShH); Calum Parker 446t (ShH); Doron Henkin 114 (ShH); Machna Nowak 404t (ShH); Marielle Minutella 162 (ShH); Michaela Natal 4b (ShH); Greg Carson 132 (ShH); Joy Spreadborough 196 (ShH); John Bealle 434b (ShH); Mara McPartland 424t (ShH); Cooper Thompson 300t (ShH). Cooper Thompson gave the Memorial Lesson. Juliet McFadden offered a prayer before lunch, aided by Betty Mileta.

LUNCH

The class was brought back together by Graham Ball leading 326t (ShH). Leaders: Sebastian Borckenhagen 70t (ShH); Sadhbh O'Flynn 381 (ShH); John Bealle 413 (ShH); Michaela Natal 260b (ShH); Tobias Saalmann 440 (ShH); Doron Henkin 15 (ShH); Fynn Titford-Mock 131 (ShH); William Schuller 236t (ShH); Eimear Maguire 414b (ShH); Chris Affolter 287 (ShH); Gerben Vos 197 (ShH); Laura Eisen 169 (ShH); Matthew Seifert 9t (ShH); Calum Parker 125 (ShH); Sara Hellström 417 (ShH); Edward Ricemeyer 232 (ShH).

## RECESS

The class was brought back together by Baker Wardlaw leading 242 (ShH). Leaders: Nataša Kukrika 322 (ShH); Anne Eringa 310 (ShH); Eloise Clark 187 (ShH); Wa'el Qasim 270 (ShH); Marielle Minutella 41 (ShH); Chloe Spreadborough 227 (ShH); Peter Kocher 254 (ShH); Walburga Ruhl 249 (ShH); Jessica Sligter 4t (ShH); Sadhbh O'Flynn 305 (ShH); Greg Carson 424b (ShH); Joy Spreadborough 366 (ShH); Machna Nowak 434t (ShH); Elisabeth Schallwig 251 (ShH); Sara Hellström 264b (ShH); Mara McPartland 309 (ShH). Sunday singing and social details were announced. A closing prayer was offered by Wa'el Qasim.

## Sunday, August 17

The Sunday session of the Sacred Harp Berlin event was held in Berlin-Friedrichshain. The class was brought together by Mara McPartland leading 72t. The opening prayer was offered by Sebastian Borckenhagen.

Leaders: Wa'el Qasim 497; Fynn Titford-Mock 79; Eimear Maguire 37b; Inga Buckland 334; Susanne 148; Joy Spreadborough 313b; Eloise Clark 524; Chloe Spreadborough 424; Michaela Natal 415; Peter Kocher 192; Mella Tönnies 383; Chris Affolter 513; Caro Stamm-Reusch 562; Juliet McFadden 254.

## RECESS

The class was brought together by John Bealle leading 108t. Leaders: Marielle Minutella 515; Graham Ball 56b; William Schuller 57; John Bealle 217; Laura Eisen 270; Calum Parker 481; Nataša Kukrika 28t; Caitlin Jay 478; Mochna Novak 168; Doron Henkin 50t; Sadhbh O'Flynn 51; Johannes Kunst 300; Greg Carson 350; Luis Aue 53; Gerben Vos 531; Matthew Seifert 449.

## RECESS

The class was brought together by Baker Wardlaw leading 47t. Leaders: Sebastian Borckenhagen 77t; David Marnuse 378b; Derek Buckland 231; Petra Ertl 377; Hannah Kennedy 142; Mara McPartland 444; Walburga Ruhl 495; Ruby Bilger 33b; Ellen Kennedy 118; Erin Kirby 388; Sara Hellström 263; Sadhbh O'Flynn 59; Saara Pakarinen 315; Molly McCracken 288; Paula Kühn and Graham Bell 268; Wa'el Qasim 448b; Eloise Clark 475.

## RECESS

The class was brought together by Peter Kocher leading 159. Leaders Marco Weßnigk and Marc Shackleford 47b; Elisabeth Schallwig 328; Eimear Maguire 506; Inga Buckland 213b; William Schuller 74t; Susanne Hausner 117; Caro Stamm-Reusch 308; Chloë Spreadborough 546; Joy Spreadborough 184; Michaela Natal 345b; Doron Henkin 436; Calum Parker 112; Fynn Titford-Mock 361; Nataša Kukrika 547; Mella Tönnies 430; Chris Affolter 524; John Bealle 80t; Juliet McFadden 284; Machna Nowak 503. Hannah Kennedy gave the Treasurer's Report. Announcements were made. Mara McPartland led 122 as the closing song. Caro Stamm-Reusch offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Mara McPartland; Co-Chair—Nataša Kukrika; Secretary—Graham Bell

## MT. PISGAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Evergreen Road, Sylvester, Georgia

Sunday, August 17, 2025

*The Sacred Harp* Singing held annually at Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Bill DuPre leading page 31t from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. Bob Meeks offered the opening prayer. The following singers led their respective songs: Beverly Dayton 49t, 63; Tim Meeks 59, 358; Bob Meeks 323b, 73b; Stanley Smith 72b, 100; Oscar McGuire 34b, 503; Trent Peachey 76b, 277; Annie Peachey and Caroline Peachey 117; Tim Roop 163b, 178; Bill DuPre 45t, 426t, 385t; Kay Robinson 282, 335; Bonnie Rewis 34t, 452; Trent Peachey 129.

## LUNCH

Tim Meeks led 334 to begin the afternoon session. The following afternoon singers led their respective songs: Beverly Dayton 86, 515; Bob Meeks 159, 235; Stanley Smith 523, 491; Oscar McGuire 276, 535; Trent Peachey 494, 231; Tim Roop 122, 107; Bonnie Rewis 282, 542; Tim Meeks 383, 373; John Robinson 490; Bill DuPre 225t.

Following announcements that were made, Trent Peachey and his baby girls Annie and Caroline led 347 as the closing song. Jon Robinson led the class in a closing prayer.

Chairman and Secretary—Tim Meeks

## WILLARD BIRTHDAY SINGING Senior Center, Enumclaw, Washington Sunday, August 17, 2025

The 15th annual Willard Birthday Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday in August by co-chairs Karen Willard and Nancy Price leading 3 (Willard Hymnary, hereafter noted as WH). Selections were from *The Sacred Harp, Revised Cooper Edition*, 2012 (CB) and from the Willard Hymnary (WH). Chaplain Greg Saeu offered a prayer after which the co-chairs welcomed the class.

Leaders: Karen Willard 20 (WH), 28 (WH) (in honor of Eric Schwab and Sidra Schkerke); Nancy Price 31t (CB), 210 (CB); Greg Saeu 26 (WH), 4b (WH); Lucinda Saeu 14 (WH), 95t (CB); Jenna Tompkins 16 (WH), 27 (WH); Peter Schinske 10 (WH), 31 (WH); Ian Suchon 72 (CB), 500 (CB); Hannah Thompson 32t (CB), 30b (CB).

## RECESS

Bob Schinske called the class back to order by leading 581b (CB). Leaders: Deb Koch 18 (WH); Kate Fine 9 (WH), 430 (CB) (in honor of Cornelia Stanton); Leland Ross 5 (WH), 22 (WH) (in memory of his parents); Bob Schinske 68t (CB), 587 (CB), 39 (CB); Ian Kesling 68b (CB), 288 (CB); Paul Chamberlain 30 (WH), 7 (WH); Sarah McIntush 269 (CB), 591 (CB); Nell Whitman 52t (CB), 300 (CB); Karen Willard with celebrants of August birthdays 4t (WH); Kathy Vlach 339 (CB), 391 (CB); Deb Koch 100 (CB); Ian Suchon 489 (CB), 511t (CB); Nancy Price 58 (CB), 203 (CB); Paul Chamberlain 6 (WH), 11 (WH). Nancy Price announced dinner and Greg Saeu dismissed the class with prayer.

## LUNCH

Paul Chamberlain called the class back to order by leading 113 (CB). Leaders: Anne Huckins 107 (CB), 559 (CB); Peter Schinske 517 (CB), 519 (CB); Deb Koch 46 (CB); Greg Saeu 505 (CB); Sarah McIntush 478 (CB), 511b (CB); Karen Willard 499 (CB), 272 (CB); Kate Fine 408 (CB), 12 (WH); Lucinda Saeu 508 (CB), 49b (CB); Kathy Vlach 145b (CB), 144 (CB); Ian Kelsing 438b (CB), 449 (CB); Nancy Price 567 (CB), 573 (CB).

## RECESS

Ian Suchon called the class back to order by leading 417 (CB). Leaders: Bob Schinske 378b (CB) (requested by Kevin Barrans), 409 (CB); Karen Willard 10 (WH) (for Darlene Simpson-Brown); Jenna Tompkins 279 (CB), 382 (CB); Leland Ross and Paul Chamberlain 45t (CB), 152 (CB); Hannah Thompson 111b (CB), 206 (CB); Anne Huckins 126 (CB); Lucinda Saeu 34 (WH).

Karen Willard led 35 (WH) as the class took the parting hand. Greg Saeu offered the closing prayer.

Co-Chairs—Karen Willard and Nancy Price; Secretary—Bill Price

**CORK SINGING**  
**Togher Scout Hall, Cork, Ireland**  
**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

The 13th Cork All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. The class was called to order by Colleen Jones leading 323b. Michael Walker offered the morning prayer.

Leaders: Katie Ahern 47t; Michael Walker 171; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 31t; Dermot Peel 84; Brenda Bowley 48t; Ger Wolfe 106; Ailish McMahon 42; Jessica Beer 216; Nigel Bowley 33b; Matthew Siefert 448t; Derek Buckland 162; Werner Ullah 448b; Michael Walker 270; Dermot Peel 203; Brenda Bowley 89; Colleen Jones 475; Ailish McMahon 65; Katie Ahern 531; Sinéad Hanrahan 230.

**RECESS**

Ger Wolfe called the class back to order by leading 207. Leaders: Nigel Bowley 47b; Derek Buckland 330b; Matthew Siefert 334; Sinéad Hanrahan 432; Ailish McMahon 129; Jessica Beer 157; Katie Ahern 513; Michael Walker 56b; Brenda Bowley 138b; Colleen Jones 436; Dermot Peel 145b; Derek Buckland 69t; Nigel Bowley 54; Sinéad Hanrahan 142; Matthew Siefert 501; Jessica Beer 499; Ger Wolfe 79; Werner Ullah 457; Nigel Bowley 77t; Michael Walker 528. Áine Uí Cheallaigh offered the blessing before breaking for lunch.

**LUNCH**

Sinéad Hanrahan called the afternoon session to order by leading 72b. Leaders: Brenda Bowley 99, Áine Uí Cheallaigh 272; Coleen Jones 444; Ailish McMahon 127; Jessica Beer 480; Michael Walker 558; Matthew Siefert 504; Katie Ahern 263; Derek Buckland 447; Ger Wolfe 159; Dermot Peel 299; Nigel Bowley 279; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 300; Jessica Beer 440; Ailish McMahon 495; Matthew Siefert 449; Derek Buckland 278b; Sinéad Hanrahan 266; Werner Ullah 29t; Brenda Bowley 318.

**RECESS**

Ailish McMahon led 26 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Brenda Bowley 569b; Werner Ullah 535; Jessica Beer 445; Dermot Peel 278t; Katie Ahern 335; Nigel Bowley 565; Colleen Jones 497; Ross Harbison 269; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 271t; Derek Buckland 491; Sinéad Hanrahan 208; Matthew Siefert 485; Michael Walker 212; Ger Wolfe 282; Katie Ahern 30t; Dermot Peel 474; Ailish McMahon 74t; Nigel Bowley 503; Jessica Beer 549; Werner Ullah 410t; Brenda Bowley 229; Ross Harbison 82t; Matthew Siefert 548; Áine Uí Cheallaigh 383; Derek Buckland 70b; Katie Ahern 438; Sinéad Hanrahan and Michael Walker 460.

Colleen Jones led 472 as the closing song. Jessica Beer offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Colleen Jones; Secretary—Sinéad Hanrahan

**FLOYD COUNTY SINGING**  
**Springhouse Community School, Pilot, Virginia**  
**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

The 8th annual Floyd All-Day singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, at the Springhouse Community School, Pilot, Virginia. The class was called to order by Chris Wolf leading 6 (VPH). Chris also offered the opening prayer and logistical announcements.

Leaders: Steve Luttinen 386b (VPH); Gabe Simerson 238 (VPH); Minh Mguyen 104b (VPH); Molly Hickman 104t (VPH); Celia Lechtman 322 (VPH); Eric Conrad 128 (VPH); Cherilyn MacNeil 371 (VPH); Kelly Mackin 301 (VPH).

**RECESS**

John delRe brought the class to order leading 305 (ShH). Leaders: Elena Conway 64 (ShH); Kaleb Delk 79 (ShH); Rae Cohn 120t (ShH); Meaghan Kachadoorian 178 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 186 (ShH); Bridget Jamison 53 (ShH); Molly Hickman

404b (ShH); Corinne Serfass 112 (ShH); Miriam Delirium 113 (ShH); Leyland delRe 153 (ShH); Anne Gilliland 434t (ShH); Michael Archer 171 (ShH); Steve Luttinen 424b (ShH); Matt Ference 137 (ShH).

#### RECESS

Chris Wolf and Amelia Smith brought the class to order leading 209. Leaders: Elena Conway and Lucy Slusher 81t; Bridget Jamison 53; David Schulman 504; Eric Conrad 334; Kaleb Delk 38b; Hannah Mann 107; Pearl Marshall 454; Min Nguyen 429.

Chris Wolf offered the memorial lesson, leading the class to hold in the light those who were sick, shut-in, or deceased and speak to the qualities they are remembered by. He read the following names of those who were sick or shut-in: Abby Beavin, Susan Quinn, Joe Duehl, Andrea Angott, Werner Kist, Bruce Hutton, Elisa Fox, Martha Archer, Isabelle Jewett, John Poland, Robert Greenberg, Stewart Island, and Hannah Duplesse.

Chris then read the following names of those deceased in the last year: Tracy Bradbury Clark, Hank Schutz, Jewell Bowman, Earl Flora, Richard Hawkins, Joe McClain—Virginia; Martha Hickman Hild—Canada; Penny Egan—Wisconsin; David McBee—Tennessee; Melissa Middlethon, and Kristi Smith—North Carolina; Buell Cobb—Alabama; Jeff Bell—Minnesota; Mike Hinton—Texas; Jeff Begley—California; Naomi Bossam—Vermont; Thaua Seagull—Massachusetts/Maryland. Chris Wolf and Mary Jo Bowman led 277 to honor the sick, shut-ins, and recently deceased, and led the class in prayer.

Gabe Simerson brought the class back together leading 229. Leaders: Adrienne Robertson 196; Michael DeVito 381; Michael Archer 330t. Thomas Mann offered a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Kaleb Delk leading 15 (ShH). Leaders: Elena Conway 114 (ShH); Leyland delRe 364b (ShH); Kelly Macklin 154 (ShH); Charllyn MacNeil 350 (ShH); Miriam Delirium 236t (ShH); Molly Hickman 264b (ShH); Bridget Jamison 231 (ShH); John delRe 366 (ShH); Meaghan Kachadoorium 98 (ShH); Kaleb Delk 254 (ShH); Matt Ference, Jenny Finn, Carolyn Reilly, and Elliot Reilly 381 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 10 (ShH).

#### RECESS

Steve Luttinen brought the class to order in leading 65 (VPH). Leaders: Elena Conway 247b (VPH); Michael DeVito 50 (VPH); Eric Conrad 161 (VPH); David Schulman 233 (VPH); Celia Lechtman 177 (VPH); Cherilyn MacNeil 14 (VPH); Matt Ference 281 (VPH); John delRe 114b (VPH); Chris Wolf 4 (VPH); Minh Nguyen 249b (VPH); Steve Luttinen 58 (VPH); Leyland delRe 51b (VPH); Meaghan Kachadoorian 328 (VPH); Miriam Delirium 166 (VPH); Molly Hickman 306 (VPH); Kelly Macklin led 167 (VPH).

Following announcements, Chris Wolf led 312b as the closing song, and offered the closing prayer.

Chairperson—Chris Wolf; Secretary—Elena Conway

## **CENTRAL ONTARIO SACRED HARP CONVENTION Friends House & Detweiler Meeting House, Toronto, Ontario August 23-24, 2025**

### **Saturday, August 23**

The 4th annual Central Ontario Sacred Harp Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August, at the Friends House and Detweiler Meeting House, Toronto, Ontario. Anne Evers and Frank Griggs called the class to order leading 47t. Murray Hibbard offered the opening prayer. Anne Evers provided a land acknowledgement.

Leaders: Frank Griggs 497, 220; Grace MacCaskill 268, 203; Molly Claire Gillet and Shaney Herman 146, 503; Sharon Klassen and Anne Evers 415, 121; Max Kelly 181, 532; Jen Davies 39t, 282; Naomi Duguid 344, 287; Bess Fitzgerald 208, 448t.

#### RECESS

Molly Claire Gillet called the class to order by leading 29t. Leaders: Barney Griggs 452, 128; Majorie Harrington 159, 277; Tom Evers 385t, 312b; Bard Swallow 155, 504; Chris Taylor 198, 300; Lloy Cook 178, 49b; Max Kelly 528; Nicoletta Rogers 434, 33b; Murray Hibbard 457, 276; Pleasance Crawford 524, 389; Spencer Stuart and Jonathon 163b, 74b; Brian C. Harris 215, 269; Chuck Crawford 546, 114.

Murray Hibbard offered Grace before lunch.

#### LUNCH

Grace MacCaskill led 32t to bring the class to order. Leaders: Becca Harrington 126, 274t; Jan May 489, 474; Kristine Villeneuve and Jen Davies 313b, 34b; Hugh Thomas 371, 501; Patrick Friesen 55, 36b; Barbara Swetman 468, 484; Seth Rutledge 163t, 70b; Sam Adioetomo and Adelaide Leo 182, 183; Will Fitzgerald 117, 130; Jon Adler 564, 475; Anabel Gravel Chabot 454, 212.

#### RECESS

Brian C. Harris called the class to order leading 116. Leaders: Joseph Kwiatkowski 494, 87; Douglas Fower 445, 455; Gillian Inksetter 227, 112; Bess Fitzgerald 131t; Majorie Harrington 360; Chris Taylor 47b; Nicoletta Rogers 68b (for Steve Rogers); Spencer Stuart and Jonathon 56b; Becca Harrington 168; Hugh Thomas 523; Patrick Friesen 189; Sam Adioetomo and Shaney Herman 270; Seth Rutledge 294; Will Fitzgerald 323t; Anabel Gravel Chabot 271t; Douglas Fower 472; Barbara Swetman 542; Jon Adler 365. Announcements were made. Singers came from three provinces (ON, QC, BC) and four states (NY, MI, PA, NC). The class sang 347 as the closing song, led by Anne Evers and Frank Griggs. The closing prayer was offered by Murray Hibbard, and the class was dismissed.

#### Sunday, August 24

The Sunday session of the Central Ontario Sacred Harp Convention took place at Detweiler Meetinghouse in Roseville, Ontario. The class was brought to order by Frank Griggs and Anne Evers leading 48t. The opening prayer was offered by Murray Hibbard, followed by a welcome by Frank Griggs and Anne Evers, and a land acknowledgement read by Anne Evers.

Leaders: Anne Evers 421; Brian Harris 42; Chuck Crawford 72b; Idy Kiser and Nancy Spates 47t; Kristine Villeneuve and Chris Taylor 148; Naomi Duguid 280; Becca Harrington 87; Joe Kwiatkowski and Anne Evers 313b; Max Kelly 318; Murray Hibbard 59; Jen Davies 47b; Bess Fitzgerald 447; Grace MacCaskill and Isaiah Chadney 128.

#### RECESS

Sam Adioetomo and Marjorie Harrington brought the class back to order leading 335. Anne Evers made a Chair Announcement, including Detweiler House housekeeping arrangements and community guidelines. Naomi Duguid gave a preliminary lunch announcement. Leaders: Tom Evers 547; Nicoletta Rogers 299; Seth Rutledge 410t; Meredith Browne and Anabel Gravel Chabot 497; Pleasance Crawford 391; Will Fitzgerald 254; Brian Harris 56b; Barbara Sweatman 513; Marjorie Harrington 338.

The memorial lesson was given by Greg Jenkins who led 330b in honour of the following sick and homebound: Karen McLellan, Nancy Thibault, Bobbie Goodell, Michael Armstrong, David Shepherd, Susan Slottow, and Steve Rogers.

Greg Jenkins led 288 in memory of the following deceased: Eschol Hughes—Georgia; Ken Browne—Ontario; Buell Cobb—Alabama; Dan Phemayotin—New Jersey; Dorothy Huebner—Manitoba; Mike Hinton—Texas; Ruth Ann Bryant—

Florida; Corrone Bryant—Florida; Ginette Lavoie—Quebec; Joe Hickerson—Washington; Anna Reesor—Ontario; Meredith Holch—Vermont. Leaders: Sam Adioetomo 569b; Spencer Stewart 324; Claire Ellis 383; Chris Taylor 99; Anne Missavage 430. Murray Hibbard led the Lutheran Table Grace.

#### LUNCH

Chuck Crawford began the afternoon session by leading 32t. Leaders: Martha Beverly 532; Anabel Gravel Chabot 480; Patrick Friesen 176b; Frank Griggs 377; Bess Fitzgerald 34t; Gillian Inksetter 349; Will Fitzgerald 549; Becca Harrington 146; Anne Evers 196; Marjorie Harrington 348t; Pleasance Crawford 283; Barbara Sweatman 323b; Sam Adioetomo 142; Spencer Stewart 445; Ann Missavage 276; Pleasance Crawford and Chuck Crawford “Geneva C. M.” (to honour Detweiler Meetinghouse); Naomi Duguid 269; Brian Harris 536; Nicoletta Rogers 436.

#### RECESS

Grace MacCaskill brought the class together by leading 29t. Leaders: Martha Beverly 504; Anabel Gravel Chabot 231; Patric Friesen 426t; Chris Taylor 268; Max Kelly 217; Jen Davies 344; Will Fitzgerald and Bess Fitzgerald 84; Marjorie Harrington and Becca Harrington 277; Sam Adioetomo and Sam Bailey 38b; Anne Massavage 71; Barbara Sweatman 334; Martha Beverly 368; Anabel Gravel Chabot 500; Patrick Friesen 83b.

A business meeting was held to hear reports. Brian Harris (Treasurer) reported that expenses had been met. Lloy Cook (Secretary) reported that thirty-four leaders representing three provinces and three states led sixty-seven songs. Gillian Inksetter and Tom Evers were named as next year's co-chairs. Murray Hibbard offered the closing prayer. Anne Evers led 347 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed. Chairs—Frank Griggs and Anne Evers; Secretaries—Grace McCaskill and Lloy Cook

### LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CONVENTION Collingsville, Alabama August 23-24, 2025 Saturday, August 23

The 140th session of the Lookout Mountain Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Pine Grove Church, near Collingsville, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Scot Oliver leading 82t. Daniel Lee offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 65, 101t; Judy Caudle 73t, 73b; Joyce Morton and Brandon Hocksley 36b, 148; Cindy Tanner 317, 436; Bill DuPre 50b, 201; Alex Forsyth 39b, 546; Judy Chambliss 358 (in memory of Boyd Scott), 37b; Barbara Brooks 491 (for Cecil Roberts), 58; Paula Oliver 42, 208; Levi Trumbore 410t, 86.

#### RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 343 to bring the class together. Leaders: Jeremiah Ledbetter 330t, 331; Winfred Kerr 59, 89; Sebastian Beaghen 171, 565; David Hufstetler 457, 68b; Anna Hinton 142, 430; Adrian Eldridge 225t, 396; Tom George 492, 278b; Samuel Williams 523, 446; Daniel Lee 489, 213b; Harry Bernholz 369, 501; Keilor Mose 544, 295; Maddy Mullany 488, 276; Thomas Begley 328, 68t; Clarke Williams 204, 483; Jerusha Wheeler 36t, 475; Josh Chandler 63, 503; Blake Sisemore 188, 472. Jeff Graves asked a blessing at the tables.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with David Ivey leading 209 and 218. Leaders: Susan Lee 460, 564; Robert Chambliss 163b (for his brother, Ed); Sarah George 383, 345b; Cheyenne Ivey 432, 176b (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); James George 300; Brandon Hocksley 282, 341; Alanna Blanks 405, 496; Butch White 313b, 287; Maddy Mullany 431; Barbara Brooks 101b; Clarke Williams 381; Jerusha Wheeler

192; Cheyenne Ivey and Brandon Hocksley 182; Harry Bernholz 543; Sebastian Beaghen 32t; Keilor Mose 291.

Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 76b as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Blake Sisemore.

#### Sunday, August 24

The Sunday session of the Lookout Mountain Convention met again at 9:30 a.m. at Pine Grove Church. The class was called to order by Scot Oliver leading 56t. The opening prayer was offered by Jeremiah Ledbetter.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 47t; Judy Caudle 421; Cindy Tanner 334 (by request); Abigail Cannon 345b; Shane Wootten 321 (in memory of Milton and Pauline Oliver); Mike Hankins 36b; Lilly Underwood 348b; Sebastian Beaghen 556; Bill DuPre 70t; Joseph Bray 384; David Ivey 202; Sarah George 171; Loyd Ivey 208; Adrian Eldridge 209; Larry Ballinger 151; Prisca Rice 224.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back together by Scot Oliver leading 313t. Leaders: Jeremiah Ledbetter 438; Harry Bernholz 480; Andrew Whaley 225b; Tom George 230; Jamey Wootten 461; Jackie Tanner 29t; Levi Trumbore 40; Susan Lee 56b; Cheyenne Ivey 30b; Keilor Mose 111t; Meredith Ivey 176t; David Sartain and Cindy Tanner 155; Richard Ivey 170; Daniel Lee 77b.

#### RECESS

Rodney Ivey and David Ivey led 270 to bring the class together. Leaders: Cassie Allen 491; Thomas Begley 382; Everett Ivey 39b.

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Judy Caudle read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Cecil Roberts, Teresa Parker, Nate Green, Phil Summerlin, Wanda Capps, Betty Shepherd, Janette Graves, Linda Thomas, Syble Adams, Reba Windom, Karen Rollins, Sarah Beasley, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, and Joyce Walton. She then read the following list of names of the deceased: Corbin Rodgers, Lucy Heidorn, Buell Cobb, Pauline Oliver, Keith Tolbert, Earl Ballinger, Chris Shepherd, and Theresa Bethune—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; Phil Perrin—North Carolina; Beverly Thompson—Georgia; Dan Phemayotin—New Jersey.

Shane Wootten spoke of singing friends that kept the traditions of the Sacred Harp alive at Pine Grove and other places. He mentioned the composers, who were inspired to write the songs we love to sing, and the many supporters, who contributed to the success of singings and conventions. Shane and Judy led 340. Shane concluded the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Alex Forsyth, Blake Sisemore, and Rodney Ivey 303 (in memory of Oliver Kindig-Stokes); Anna Hinton and James George 297; Josh Chandler 285t; Roma Rice 489; Winfred Kerr 146.

#### LUNCH

The class resumed singing with Paula Oliver leading 101t. Leaders: Alex Forsyth 220; Stefani Priscos 35; Blake Sisemore 550; Joyce Morton and Judy Caudle 234 (in memory of Mary Ruth Steifel); Shane Brown 383; Kelsey Ivey 545; Alanna Blanks 551; Jared Wootten 215; Samuel Williams 474; Paula Oliver 542; Marty Wootten 330t; Harry Bernholz and Sebastian Beaghen 354t; Keilor Mose, Alex Forsyth, and Zeke Rosenberg 426t; Andrew Whaley, David Sartain, Joseph Bray, and Jackie Tanner 89; Jeremiah Ledbetter and Adrian Eldridge 493; Prisca Rice and Stefani Priskos 523; Bill DuPre and Winfred Kerr 492; Anna Hinton and Abigail Cannon 436; Loyd Ivey and Lilly Underwood 99; Mike Hankins and Roma Rice 323b; Levi Trumbore and Sarah George 373; Daniel Lee and David Ivey 565; Shane Wootten and Blake Sisemore 73t; Cheyenne Ivey and Kelsey Ivey 222; Shane Brown and Joyce Morton 505 (CB); Richard Ivey and Meredith Ivey 274t; Jamey Wootten, Jared Wootten, and Marty Wootten 445; Samuel Williams and Rodney Ivey 160t; Cindy

Tanner and Judy Caudle 477 (for Wanda Capps); Scot Oliver, Alanna Blanks, and Paula Oliver 217. Announcements were made. The Secretary reported that over the two days, Cindy Tanner had arranged for eighty-eight leaders representing nine US states and Australia to lead one hundred fifty-four songs.

Scot Oliver and Rodney Ivey led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Jared Wootten, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Scot Oliver; Vice Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Secretary—Judy Caudle

**MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION**  
**Antioch Primitive Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi**  
**August 23-24, 2025**  
**Saturday, August 23**

The 94th session of the Mississippi State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in August. President Mark Davis welcomed the class, and extended thanks to the members of Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for hosting the convention.

Mark Davis led 37b and 208. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer. Song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, *The B.F. White Sacred Harp, Cooper Edition* (CB), *The Christian Harmony* (CH), and *The Sacred Harp, White Book* (WB). Leaders: Drew McGuire 126, 486; Darlene Reynolds 505 (CB), 410 (CB); Arlon Gardener 455, 481; Danny Creel 203 (CH), 493b (CH); Ann Steel 512, 378b; Jeff James 372b (CH), 168b (CH); Warren Steel 422t (CB), 494 (CB).

**RECESS**

Mark Davis brought the class back together leading 30t. Mark Davis appointed the following people to serve on the Business Committee: Drew McGuire, Will Gatewood, and Charlie McGuire. Leaders: Dennis Cranford 299, 128; John Pyles 354b, 61; Steve Kelly and Darlene Reynolds 143 (CH), 109 (CH); Nicholas Thompson 64 (CH), 338b (CH); Robert Vaughn 491, 323b; Mary Beth Garrison 281b (CH), 170 (CH); Chris Nicholson 171b (CH), 172 (CH); Prisca Rice 523, 115. Robert Vaughn offered the prayer before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Mark Davis leading 98. Nicholas Thompson presented Mark Davis a plaque on behalf of the convention in recognition of forty-one years as president of the convention. Leaders: Mark Davis and Nicholas Thompson 456; Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 45b (CH), 393t (CH); Henry McGuire 208 (WB), 543t (WB); Lisa Geist 291, 195; Amber Davis 234, 380; Will Gatewood 499b (WB), 496b (WB); Sophia Gardner 47b, 457; Molly Gatewood 315 (CH), 367 (CH).

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: President—Mark Davis; Vice President—Drew McGuire; Treasurer, Secretary, and Arranging Committee—Darlene Reynolds; Chaplain—Arlon Gardner; Memorial Committee—Chris Nicholson and Lisa Giest; Resolution Committee—Amber Davis and Molly Gatewood.

Leaders: Mark Davis 236; Robert Vaughn and Prisca Rice 142; Mary Beth Garrison 176b (CH); Jeff James 250 (CH); Robert Vaughn 514 (CB); Prisca Rice 567 (CB); Danny Creel 1 (CH). Announcements were made.

Mark Davis, Drew McGuire, and Henry McGuire led 549b (CH) as the closing song. Arlon Gardener offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

**Sunday, August 24**

President Mark Davis welcomed everyone, and led 101t. Arlon Gardner offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Mark Davis 74b; Drew McGuire 392, 16 (CH); Darlene Reynolds 131 (CH), 281b (CH); Arlon Gardner 313b, 522 (CB); Sophia Gardner 388, 285t; Tim Taylor 573 (CB) (for Brenda Kyser), 475.

## RECESS

Drew McGuire called the class to order leading 137. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 212, 34b; Ricky Beasley 31t, 68b; Lisa Geist 117 (CH), 528; Nicholas Thompson 364 (CH), 464 (CB); Amber Davis 511b (CB), 391; Molly Gatewood 462b (CH), 355 (CH).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Lisa Geist spoke on behalf of the sick and shut-ins and read the following list of names: Alice McGuire, John Van Horn, Liz Van Horn, Margaret Keeton, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Brenda Kyserl. Lisa led 472 for the sick and shut-ins.

Chris Nicholson spoke on behalf of the deceased and read the following list of names: Lucy Ryan Heidorn, Buell Cobb, Pauline Oliver—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; Charlotte Naylor, Alice Bejnar—Florida. Chris led 146 (CB) in memory of the deceased. Arlon Gardner closed the memorial lesson with prayer and offered the blessing on the noon meal.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Drew McGuire leading 371. Leaders: Mary Amelia Taylor 256 (CH), 242 (CH); Molly Gatewood 238 (CH), 432b (CH); Todd Derstine and Regina Derstine 361 (CB), 497 (CB); Arlon Gardner 277; Henry McGuire 430 (WB), 228 (WB); Mike McNeil 204t (CH), 176 (CH); Will Gatewood 50 (CH), 51 (CH); Nicholas Thompson 454, 452.

A business meeting was held for the purpose of hearing the various committee reports. The business committee gave their reports, and announced that expenses had been met. The Resolutions Committee, Amber Davis and Molly Gatewood, offered the following report: We resolve to thank Antioch Primitive Baptist Church for hosting the convention. We were blessed with good food, fellowship, and singing. We resolve to meet again next year, 2026, for this convention. The business meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Mark Davis, Henry McGuire, and Drew McGuire led 549b (CH) as the closing song. Arlon Gardner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—Mark Davis; Vice President—Drew McGuire; Secretary—Darlene Reynolds

## GREENVILLE-PIONEER DAY SINGING The Church of Greenville, Simpsonville, South Carolina Saturday, August 30, 2025

The Greenville-Pioneer Day Sacred Harp Singing was called to order by Robert Kelley leading 213b. Jonathan Wood offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Robert Kelley 81b; Leon Carnell 330t; Dave Farmer 225t; Jonathan Wood 437; Mary Baumeister 160t; Larry Hall 209; Jane Cannon 436; Jacob Lindler 80t; Chris Wilhelm 350; Shannon Primm 39b; Frances Carnell 169; Sarah Carnell 168; Gloria Carnell 150; Miriam Carnell 114; Robert Kelley 515; Leon Carnell 523; Dave Farmer 481; Jonathan Wood 459; Mary Baumeister 449; Larry Hall 313b.

## RECESS

Robert Kelley called the class back to order leading 266. Leaders: Jane Cannon 75; Jacob Lindler 32b; Chris Wilhelm 217; Frances Carnell 50t; Sarah Carnell 254; Gloria Carnell 457; Miriam Carnell 117; Grace Odell 159; Eric Carnell 142; Ross Tuttle 38b; Robert Kelley 478; Leon Carnell 539; Dave Farmer 183; Jonathan Wood 463; Mary Baumeister 184; Larry Hall 171; Jane Cannon 466; Jacob Lindler 69t. Eric Carnell offered thanks before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Robert Kelley leading 484. Leaders: Chris Wilhelm 564; Chris Carnell 34t; Gloria Carnell 277; Sarah Carnell 282; Eric Carnell 384; Shannon Primm 367; Miriam Carnell 47b; Frances Carnell 318; Robert Kelley

491; Leon Carnell 276; Dave Farmer 196; Jonathan Wood 240; Mary Baumeister 279; Jane Cannon 548; Jacob Lindler 365; Chris Wilhelm 527; Chris Carnell 378b.  
RECESS

Robert Kelley brought the class back together by leading 415. Leaders: Gloria Carnell 127; Sarah Carnell 236; Eric Carnell 379; Shannon Primm 522; Miriam Carnell 547; Larry Hall 268; Frances Carnell 383; Leon Carnell 163b; Dave Farmer 455; Jonathan Wood 451; Mary Baumeister 545; Jane Cannon 500; Jacob Lindler 431. Following announcements, Robert Kelley led 50b as the closing song. Jonathan Wood closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Robert Kelley; Vice Chairman—Leon Carnell; Secretary—Dave Farmer

### **MAIDENCREEK SINGING**

**Hamburg, Pennsylvania**

**Saturday, August 30, 2025**

The 28th annual Maidencreek All-Day Singing took place on Saturday prior to Labor Day. The class was called to order by Hollie Long leading 31b. In a business meeting Kyle Johnston was nominated and elected as chair. Other officers who served for the day are as follows: Vice Chair—Korey Guerrieri; Chaplain—Landon Peer; Treasurer—Sophie Sokolov; Secretary—Patti Davis. Kyle made announcements. The business meeting was closed. Landon Peer offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kyle Johnston 171; Patti Davis 270; Hayden Arp 39b; Joyce Forry 101t; Guy Bankes 344; Lyn Koehnline 105; Peter Sandeen 47b; Nancy Tkacs 350; Tim Burke 141; Lamar Matthew 438; Barbara Hohenstein 479 (for Betty Hanf); Korey Guerrieri 162; Harry “Scotty” Scott 542; Gray Simpson 51; Emily Raffensberger 505.

RECESS

Hayden Arp led 345t to bring the class together. Wyn Batson led 480. Joel Nofziger led “Franconia” as the German lesson. Leaders: Jimmy Griffin 547; Doug Kurtze 184; Roger Kurtz 38b; Ellie Knickman 472; Thomas Ward 512; Sophie Sokolov 432; Jared Shetler 268; David Shulman 504; Ted Stokes 50t; Doron Henkin 436.

RECESS

Korey Guerrieri called the class back together leading 35. Landon Peer read the following list of sick and shut-ins: Ruth Wampler Hissong, Gina Balestracci, Taranek Mohajer, Karen McClellan, Sam Dembling, Peter Amidon, Barrie Jane Kintner, Joan Trout, Herman Serrano, and Michael Lyon. He led 30t.

Jason Steidl Jack led the memorial lesson. Jason read the following list of names of the deceased: Mary Heron, Thomas Reynolds, Sally Gethner Handler, Buell Cobb, Mike Hinton, Dan Phemayotin, Dave Bennett, Alice Bejnar, and Ben Mark. He led 387.

Leaders: Gary Ryan 313b; Erika Wilson 549; Rachel Hall 189; Lindsey Falbo 269; Kobi Bordoley 491; Jasmine Mendoza 182; Marie Brandis 142; Kevin Griffin Moreno 220; Alanna Goodman 506; Kathy Manning 80t; Barbara Swetman 254. The session closed with a prayer from Landon Peer.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Leon Pulsinelle leading 36b. Leaders: Elsa Phemayotin 70b; Tarik Wareh 77t; Emma Rose Brown 498; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 500; Myles Louis Dakan 177; Lindsay Kruse 340; Jason Steidl Jack 224; Crispin Youngberg 513; Sara Lott 442; Keillor Mose 200; Micah John Walter 324; Gwen Gethner 545; Nancy Mandel 548; Laura Densmore 328; Charles Biada 214; Jon Adler 426t; Tom Evers 448t; Jonathon Smith 428; Rosie Sokolov 400; Anne Evers 164.

RECESS

Hollie Long led 30b to bring the group together. Leaders: Rob Arbelo 376; Michaela Natal 415; Ernest Chamberlain 457; Sebastian Beaghen 187; Kevin Slaughter 347; Annie Reynolds 396; Elias Neuman-Donihue 153; Michael Ipsen 466; Jacob Stebly 455; Landon Peer 122; Eric Xu 188; Julia Seidenstein and Don Fahey 31t; Marlena Ospina 401; Daniel Zaloum 459; Keith Fullerton 569b; Jocelyn Kurtze and Jeremy Picker 384.

Announcements were made. The secretary reported that there were eighty-one songs sung and attendees came from eleven states and Canada. The treasurer reported that expenses had been met.

Kyle Johnston led 62 as the closing song. Landon Peer offered the closing prayer. Chair—Kyle Johnson; Vice Chair—Korey Guerrieri; Secretary—Patti Davis

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S SINGING (1991 EDITION)**  
**Harmony Room At St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Eagle Rock,**  
**California**

**Saturday, August 30, 2025**

The 42nd session of the Young People's Sacred Harp Musical Association met at The Harmony Room at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday after the fourth of July. All song selections were from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*.

The class was called to order by Andrea Tzvetkov leading 59. Taylor Sullivan offered the opening prayer. A business meeting was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairperson—Andrea Tzvetkov; Secretaries—Kristin Nyquist, Sarah Hill, and Ruthie Prillaman; Chaplain—Taylor Sullivan; Finance Committee—Laura Stephenson; Locating Committee—Andrea Tzvetkov and Linnea Sablosky; Resolutions Committee—Luc Kleiner and Lucy P. Grindon; Memorial Committee—Lucy O'Leary and Stuart Wheeler; Food and Beverage Committee—Suzanne Caflisch, Olivia Babuka Black, and Matthew Ribarich. Linnea Sablosky was appointed to serve as the arranging committee. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Kristin Nyquist 47t; Suzanne Caflisch 344; Fred Wilkey 513; Jeff McLeod 230; Lucy P. Grindon 146; David Elsenbroich 439; Olivia Babuka Black 122; Luc Kleiner 323b; Jeff Laub 438; Jen Rymut 322; Gerry Hoffman 315; Shawn Kirchner 218; Mary Crawford 448b; Michael Hagerty 183; Taylor Sullivan 204.

**RECESS**

Lucy O'Leary led 30b to bring the class together. Leaders: Linnea Sablosky 337; Ben Rempel 406; David Olson and Arieta Begley 512; Lindy Groening 203; Linda Selph 452; Laura Stephenson 34t; Maggie Zhoue 165; Mary Rose O'Leary 510; Dami Osoba 487; Joseph Coghlan 49t; Midge Harder 184; Al Grindon 87; Jon Giles 524; Brian McKee 300.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Michael Hagerty and Ben Rempel leading 159. Leaders: Kelly M. Martin 319; Sarah Hill 228; Rachel O'Leary 384; Celestine 131b; Dill Ma 182; Laura McMurray 101b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lucy O'Leary and Stuart Wheeler. Stuart read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Laura Boyd and Richard Russell. He led 209.

Lucy O'Leary read the following list of names of the deceased: Ted Mercer, Eva Striebech, David and Susan Fetcho, Stephen O'Leary, Terry Barber and Jeff Begley. She led 340.

Leaders: Stephanie Fida 491; Rebecca Edwards 453; Jenny Solheim 383. Taylor Sullivan offered grace before the meal.

**LUNCH**

The class was brought back to order by Jeff McLeod leading 445. Leaders: Wren Hyde 430; Sasha Hsuczyk 411; Pat Coghlan 214; Violet Krumbein 240; Mark Godfrey 436; Mike Chaffin 330t; Julia Zaffarano and Amy 142; David Schmidt 272; Mitchell Gustin 500; Abbie Sorg 475; Carol Huang 367; Ann Melton 532; Kevin Beirne 454; Aislinn O'Neill 442; Titi Osoba 80t; Taylor Sullivan 52b.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Lucy O'Leary leading 482. Leaders: Tommy Hill 47b; Constant Gordon 186; Mike Chaffin, Stephanie Fida, David Schmitt, Julia Zaffarano 522; Carol Huang, Kevin Beirne 112; Mitchell Gustin 448t; Anna Melton 224; Sasha Hsuczyk 345b; Abbie Sorg 217; Mark Godfrey 37b; Wren Hyde 35; Linda Selph 336; Rebecca Edwards 429; Maggie Zhou 460; Jenny Solheim 29t; Dill Ma 29b; Gerry Hoffman 61; Sarah Hill 455; Midge Harden 155.

A business meeting was held in order to hear reports from various committees. Laura Stephenson reported for the Finance Committee that expenses were met. The Resolutions committee gave thanks to the Tongva Tribe, on whose land the singing was held. They recognized all officers, committees, keyers, registrars, the Bay Area Sacred Harp group for their organizational assistance, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Andrea Tzvetkov and Linnea Sablosky reported for the Locating Committee that the 43rd Young People's Singing would be hosted by the young people of Sand Mountain, Alabama Sacred Harp singing classes at Fuller Cemetery in Idler, Alabama on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday after the fourth of July in 2026. Kristin Nyquist gave the Secretary's report stating that sixty six leaders representing ten states led eighty songs. The meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Andrea Tzvetkov led 414 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer led by Taylor Sullivan.

Chairperson—Andrea Tzvetkov; Secretary—Kristin Nyquist

**SOUTHWEST TEXAS SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**FALL SESSION**

**Jarrell, Texas**

**August 30-31, 2025**

**Saturday, August 30**

The annual fall session of the Southwest Texas Convention met Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August at the Jarrell Memorial Community Center. The tune book for the weekend was the 2012 Revision of The B.F. White Sacred Harp (*Cooper Book*). In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chair Michele Curran led 31b (CB) for the opening song. Tom Owen offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Michele Curran 171 (CB); Kristie Powell 68t (CB); Gaylon Powell 332 (CB); Tom Owen 131b (CB); John Hoerr 68b (CB); Greg Fried 59 (CB); Donald Ross 546 (CB); Janie Short 276 (CB); Scott Curran 192 (CB); Jeb Owen 182 (CB); Ivy Houser-Hall 42 (CB); Jason Steiner 30b (CB); Elze Hamilton 31t (CB); Weston Bowles 82 (CB); Lauren Owen 47b (CB); Sonia Chin 428 (CB); Hoss Curran 404 (CB); Amanda Bowles 99 (CB); Stina Soderling 189 (CB); Linda Booker 573 (CB); Chris Nicholson 212 (CB); Ellee Curran 427 (CB).

RECESS

Leaders: Tristan Gordon 101t (CB), 315 (CB); Robert Handel 150 (CB); Mariam Delirium 543 (CB); Cory Winters 442t (CB); Greg Bowles 378t (CB); Abi Curran 75 (CB); Diane Ross 53 (CB); Liz Owen 383 (CB); Robert Vaughn 477 (CB); Addison Bowles 505 (CB); Emily Brown 285t (CB); Donald Ross 373 (CB); Janie Short 464 (CB); Weston Bowles 146 (CB); Jeb Owen 380t (CB); Jason Steiner 188 (CB); Amanda Bowles 186 (CB); Elze Hamilton 28b (CB); Greg Bowles 155 (CB); Chris Nicholson 422b (CB); Addison Bowles 145b (CB); Diane Ross 140 (CB); Liz Owen

450 (CB); Robert Vaughn 89 (CB); Tom Owen 336t (CB). Dismissed for lunch; Eld. Jeb Owen asked the blessing for the noontime meal.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Stina Soderling 76b (CB); John Hoerr 162 (CB); Robert Handel 112 (CB); Cory Winters 183 (CB); Mariam Delirium 163t (CB); Claire Steinman 273 (CB); Greg Fried 563 (CB); Scott Curran 120 (CB); Ivy Houser-Hall 280 (CB); Sonia Chin 179 (CB); Hoss Curran 207b (CB); Stina Soderling 191 (CB); Linda Booker 463 (CB); Ellee Curran 196 (CB); Tristan Gordon 168 (CB); Abi Curran 571 (CB); Emily Brown 86b (CB); Kristie Powell 83b (CB); Claire Steinman 132 (CB); Gaylon Powell 482 (CB). After announcements, Tom Owen and Riley Owen were appointed to serve as the Memorial Committee.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Michele Curran 392 (CB); Tim Schaefer 133 (CB); Brooke Robb 535t (CB); Tammy Powell 142 (CB); Donald Ross and Robert Vaughn 544 (CB); Diane Ross and Janie Short 559 (CB); Jason Steiner and Claire Steinman 148 (CB); John Hoerr and Greg Fried 38t (CB); Ivy Houser-Hall and Sonia Chin 337 (CB); Mariam Delirium 419 (CB); Cory Winters 269 (CB); Robert Handel 137; Scott Curran and Michele Curran 200 (CB); Stina Soderling, Tristan Gordon, and Ivy Hauser-Hall 270 (CB); Ellie Curran and Abi Curran 274t (CB); Elze Hamilton and Linda Booker 48t (CB); Chris Nicholson and Hoss Curran 319 (CB); Emily Brown and Tammy Powell 86 (CB); Brook Robb and Kristie Powell 138t (CB); Tim Schaefer and Gaylon Powell 204 (CB). Michele Curran led 511t (CB) for the closing song. The convention closed with prayer offered by Scott Curran.

#### Sunday, August 31

The Sunday session of the convention began with Chairman Jackson Owen leading 422b (CB). The morning prayer was led by Tom Owen. Leaders: Jackson Owen 96 (CB); Michele Curran 63 (CB); Kristie Powell 567 (CB); Gaylon Powell 300 (CB); Tom Owen 299 (CB); Riley Owen 99 (CB); Bill Bailey 108t (CB); Addison Bowles 101t (CB); Tristan Gordon 131b (CB); Emily Brown 54t (CB); Cory Winters 182 (CB); Sonny Huckaby 49t (CB); Tim Schaefer 40 (CB); Megan Smith 511t (CB); Mariam Delirium 83t (CB); Weston Bowles 155 (CB); Sonia Chin 266t (CB); Silas Huckaby 450 (CB); Hoss Curran 348t (CB); Robert Handel 210 (CB); John Hoerr 175b (CB); Lauren Owen 171 (CB); Ellee Curren 45t (CB); Tammy Powell 553 (CB); Ivy Hauser-Hall 347 (CB); Greg Bowles 440b (CB).

#### RECESS

Leaders: Michele Curran 290 (CB); Brooke Robb 29b (CB); Stina Soderling 421 (CB); Abi Curran 146 (CB); Linda Booker 293b (CB); Amanda Bowles 168 (CB); Scott Curran 558 (CB); Bill Bailey 108b (CB); Addison Bowles 500 (CB); Tristan Gordon 414 (CB).

The memorial lesson was held at this time. Riley Owen read the names of the sick and shut-ins: Wanda Capps, B.R. Black, Katie Black, Norma Die Kerson, Leon Ballinger, Rick Foreman, LaVerne Hinton, Scott McCown, and Kevin Powell. He made a few comments and then led 380t (CB) in their honor.

Tom Owen read the list of the Memorial List: Buell Cobb, Lucy Heidorn, Corbin Rodgers—Alabama; Preston Obeiden—California; Linda Curran, Mike Hinton, James Jones, Felix Torres—Texas. He made comments, and then led 344 (CB) in their memory. Elder Sonny Huckaby closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Emily Brown 77t (CB); Cory Winters 268t (CB); Sonny Huckaby 395b (CB); Tim Schaefer 49b (CB); Mariam Delirium 48t (CB); Riley Owen 74b (CB); Weston Bowles 572 (CB); Sonia Chin 297 (CB); Silas Huckaby 331b (CB); Hoss Curran 388 (CB); Robert Handel 98 (CB); Ellee Curren 128 (CB). Dismissed for lunch with the blessing asked by Silas Huckaby.

#### LUNCH

Leaders: Michele Curran 143 (CB); John Hoerr 29t (CB); Tom Owen 514 (CB); Ivy Hauser-Hall 105b (CB); Lauren Owen 410 (CB); Greg Bowles 442t (CB); Brooke Robb 335 (CB); Stina Soderling 183 (CB); Amanda Bowles 508 (CB); Scott Curran 218 (CB); Weston Bowles and Hoss Curran 319 (CB); Bill Bailey and John Hoerr 30b (CB); Addison Bowles and Lauren Owen 373 (CB); Brooke Robb and Ivy Hauser-Hall 406 (CB); Tammy Powell 95b (CB); Sonia Chin and Stina Soderling 32t (CB); Linda Booker 199 (CB); Tristan Gordon and Tim Schafer 441 (CB); Robert Handel 36t (CB); Riley Owen and Silas Huckaby 133 (CB); Megan Smith 112 (CB); Greg Bowles and Amanda Bowles 198 (CB). Announcements were made.

Leaders: Cory Winters 222 (CB); Tom Owen and Hardy Davis 465 (CB); Mariam Delirium 61 (CB); Emily Brown and Linda Booker 434 (CB); Ellee Curren 288 (CB); Michele Curran 356 (CB); Tammy Powell and Megan Smith 505 (CB); Gaylon Powell and Krisie Powell 172 (CB).

Jackson Owen led 288t (CB) as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer worded by Riley Owen.

Chairman—Jackson Owen; Vice Chairman—Michele Curran; Secretary—Gaylon and Kristie Powell

### **FOX VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL SINGING**

**Wheeler Park, Geneva, Illinois**

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

The Fox Valley Folk Festival Singing was held on Sunday before Labor Day at Wheeler Park in Geneva, Illinois, as part of the 49th annual Fox Valley Folk Music and Storytelling Festival. It was a cool sunny day, and we sang outdoors.

Jim Helke called the class to order at 11:00 a.m., welcomed new singers, and spoke about shape note singing.

Leaders: Sarah Kierstad 105; Harken Massopust 47t; Jim Helke 159; Jim Helke 39t; Eileen Ferguson 178; Mary and Harken Massopust 56b; Anita Shaperd 148; Harken Massopust 47b; Dan Reitsma 57; Jim Helke 49t; Sarah Kierstad 208; Sally Youngquist 277; Paul Hough 547; Eileen Ferguson 501; Mary and Harken Massopust 344; Harken Massopust 29t; Jim Helke 551; Sally Youngquist 128; Harken Massopust 117; Jim Helke 168; Sue Kessel 276. Announcements were made of local singings. Jim Helke led 347 as the closing song. The class was dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

Chair—Jim Helke; Secretary—Eileen Ferguson

### **LACY MEMORIAL**

**Ider, Alabama**

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

The annual Lacy Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at the old church at Fuller Cemetery, Ider, Alabama, on the first fifth Sunday following the fourth of July. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Reba Windom leading 59. Barrett Patton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Garrett Morton and Shelby Castillo 101t; Elene Stovall 99; Cindy Tanner 368; Adrian Eldridge 512; Daryl Chesney 155; David Killingsworth 515; Linda Sides 448t; Daniel Williams 481; Donna Wootten 74b; Aaron Wootten 47b; Marty Wootten 36b; Jamey Wootten 37b; Leigh Cooper 348b; Shane Wootten 318 (in memory of Eloise Wootten); Karen Rollins 327; David Carlton 240 (in memory of his sister); Deborah Taube 344; Daniel Lee 213b; Emily Stutzman 451 (in memory of her grandmother); Winfred Kerr 517.

RECESS

Reba Windom led 76b to bring the class together. Leaders: Loyd Ivey 171; Anna Oliver and Wayne Wootten 426b; Eddie Mash 475; Prisca Rice 145b; Bill DuPre

283; Susan Harcrow and Blake Sisemore 430; Isaac Green, Alex Forsyth, and Sharon DuPriest 242; the Lacy family 159; Jerry Turlington 74t; Susan Lee 107; Larry Brasher and Louise Brasher 385b; Evan Eddins 276; Erica Hinton 391; Samuel Williams 476; Emily Eddins 201; Peter Trumbore 480; Abigail Cannon 530; Everett Ivey 569b; Avaré Gass 30b; Meredith Ivey 176t; Mamie Sisemore and Rachael Geary 421; Thomas Koehnline 285t (in memory of his uncle); Judy Caudle 455 (for Joyce Walton).

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Shelby Castillo and Garrett Morton leading 378t. Leaders: Rodney Ivey 144; Amber Davis 192; James George and Avaré Gass 300; Larry Ballinger 133; Rachael Geary 460; Nathan Rees 440; Lisa Geist 228; Levi Trumbore and Garrett Morton 129; Shawn Taylor 411; David Brodeur 214; Kelsey Ivey 314; Barrett Patton 216 (for Betty Shepherd); Anna Hinton 419; Chris Ballinger 215; Pam Nunn 528; Matt Hinton 33b; Michael Thompson and Cassie Allen 269, 189; Alex Forsyth 442; Jackie Tanner 138t; Sarah George 396; Nicholas Thompson 500; David Ivey 384 (in memory of Coy Ivey and Norma Green, and for Nate Green); Cheyenne Ivey 106; Tom George 434; Richard Ivey 83b; Dennis George 224; Joyce Morton 47t; Reba Windom and Shelby Castillo 542; Garrett Morton 299 (for Deb Morton).

Reba Windom, Shelby Castillo, and Garrett Morton led 146 as the class took the parting hand. Eddie Mash dismissed the class with prayer.

Chair—Reba Windom; Vice Chairs—Shelby Castillo and Garrett Morton; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

### **LABOR DAY SINGING Shoal Creek Church, Cleburne County, Alabama Monday, September 1, 2025**

The 105th session of the annual Labor Day Sacred Harp Singing was held at Shoal Creek Church in the Talladega National Forest, Cleburne County, Alabama, on the first Monday in September. The 136th Cleburne County Convention has been combined with this singing. The class was called to order by Samuel Williams leading 171. The opening prayer was offered by Oscar McGuire.

Leaders: Daniel Williams 74t; Cecil Roberts 75, 37b; Bill DuPre 32t, 426t; Adrian Elper 314, 31b; Daniel Williams 43, 57; Bert Collins 542, 35; Judy Mincey 515 (in memory of George Stiles), 475; Robert Chambliss 163b (in memory of his brother), 303; Jack Nelson 399b, 480.

The following officers were elected to serve: Chairman—Bill DuPre; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Glenda Collins; Arranging—Judy Chambliss. RECESS

Bill DuPre led 31t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 34b, 66; Karen Rollins 225t, 45t (for her father); Thomas Koehnline 122, 284; Winfred Kerr 36b, 89; Judy Jones 317, 334; Glenda Collins 100, 76b; Barbara Brooks 58, 417; Butch White 74b, 535; Judy Chambliss 450 (in memory of her brother-in-law), 29t. Daniel Williams offered the blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Bill DuPre leading 63. Leaders: Fallon Cook 176t, 235; Chuck Howell 112, 373; Judy Mincey 464; Thomas Koehnline 178; Butch White 547; Robert Chambliss 358; Barbara Brooks 162; Winfred Kerr 146; Oscar McGuire 460; Karen Rollins 155; Samuel Williams 337; Cecil Roberts 138b; Jack Nelson 180; Daniel Williams 523; Bert Collins 300; Chuck Howell 569b; Fallon Cook 294.

A talk about the history of Shoal Creek Church, celebrating one hundred thirty years, was given by the Shoal Creek Church representative.

Bill DuPre led 42 as the closing song. Bill DuPre gave the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill DuPre; Vice Chairman—Cecil Roberts; Secretary—Glenda Collins

**CAPE MEARES SINGING**  
**Cape Meares Community Center, Cape Meares, Oregon**  
**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

The Cape Meares All-Day Singing was called to order by Betsy Jeronen leading 448b. Rosie Sokolov 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: Tamara Wallace 171; Mary Chaffin 31b; Ruth Linehan 144; Nell Whitman 385b (for Hanseel Hernandez Blanco); Nancy Novotny 101t; Judah Dale 103; Dorothy Mitchell 452 (for Willie Binns); Anne Huckins 114; Kate-Laurel Agnew 65; Peter Schinske 423; Sarah Berry 49b; Paul Chamberlain 231 (in memory of Ginny Kilmer); Kim Lusk 82t; Ian Kesling 122; Dorothy Robinson 66; Jenna Tompkins 47t.

**RECESS**

Chris Noren called the class to order leading 131b. Leaders: Dami Osoba 334; Emma Swartz 200; Hannah Thompson 48t; Kate Fortin 302 (in memory of Solomon Ossa); Pat Coghlan 444; Kate Fine 254; Carrie Walker 460; David Schmitt 228; Kate Coxon 430; Steve Brett 292; Thom Fahrbach 432; Rosie Sokolov 411; Pippa Stoddard 446; Elsa Phemayotin 138b; Julius Pasay 73t.

**RECESS**

Bradley Knoke called the class to order leading 378t. Leaders: Jennifer Jones 217; Dave Barber 383; Hannah Land 475 (for Kate Wilkinson and her partner, Richard); Bob Schinske 456; Leigh Cooper 548; Joyce Smith 176b; Karen Willard 401 (in memory of Johnny Lee); Joseph Coghlan 120; Chris Noren 502; Carolyn Deacy 286; Jamie Dawson 118; Sarah McIntush 503; Mike Chaffin 497; Kristofer Ilex 179. Rosie Sokolov offered a prayer before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Jenna Tompkins and Deb Koch called the class to order leading 81t. Leaders: Lindy Groening 546; Kevin Barrans 128; Stephanie Fida 140; Mischa Skeeter 448t; Deb Koch 34b; Steve Cackley 429; Elsa Phemayotin 70b; Peter Schinske 367; Dami Osoba 50t; Steve Brett 282; David Schmitt 224; Hannah Land 208; Dave Barber 426b; Joyce Smith 322; Mike Chaffin 532; Rosie Sokolov 37b; Julius Pasay 522; Chris Noren 524.

**RECESS**

Pippa Stoddard called the class to order leading 105. Leaders: Carolyn Deacy 485; Bob Schinske 295; Nancy Novotny 142; Pat Coghlan 299; Ashley McCorkhill and Ellery McCorkhill 49t; Leigh Cooper 395; Stephanie Fida 266; Kristofer Ilex 414; Pippa Stoddard 134; Emma Swartz 564; Kevin Barrans 472; Carrie Walker 270; Kate Fortin 269; Ruth Linehan 562; Karen Willard 27; Thom Fahrbach 382 (for Julia Zaffarano); Jennifer Jones 271t; Lindy Groening 97.

The business meeting was reopened. Gin McCollum, as Treasurer, reported that expenses had been met. Nancy Novotny, as Secretary, reported a total of sixty-five registered singers, fifty-four leaders, and eighty-seven songs sung. Announcements of future singings were made.

Betsy Jeronen led 36b as the closing song. Rosie Sokolov offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Betsy Jeronen; Secretary—Nancy Novotny

## GEORGIAN HARMONY DEBUT SINGING

Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia

Saturday, September 6, 2025

The 16th session of the debut of the *Georgian Harmony* song book was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in September at the Roberta Civic Center.

Bill DuPre called the class together leading pages 8 and 9. John Plunkett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Oscar McGuire 49; Steven Taylor 206, 95; Rosemund Watson 25, 109; Laura Wood 107, 80; Sheri Taylor 56, 19; Susan Ford 204, 12; John Plunkett 72, 66. RECESS

Bill DuPre called the class back together leading 65. Leaders: Helen Bryson 108, 42; Ellen Fournier 14, 138; Beverly Dayton 24; Bert Collins 43, 3. Bill DuPre offered the blessing on the noon meal.

LUNCH

Bill DuPre called the class together leading 51. Leaders: Morgan Bunch 13, 203; Lily Hooks 92; Steven Taylor 179, 15; Beverly Dayton 33; Sheri Taylor 94; Laura Wood 54; Glenda Collins 64; Susan Ford 252; Morgan Bunch 101; John Plunkett 198; Oscar McGuire 152 (for Martha Harrell). Announcements were made.

Rosemund Watson and Lily Hooks led 255 as the traditional closing song. Wayne Watson closed the singing with prayer.

Chairman—Bill DuPre; Secretary—Glenda Collins

## KENNEDY CREEK SINGING

Kennedy Creek Resort, Suches, Georgia

Saturday, September 6, 2025

This special singing was held as part of the Kennedy Creek Old-Time Music Festival. At 9:00 a.m., Esther Morgan-Ellis gave an introductory lesson for new singers in which she led 49t and 38b. The class was then called to order by Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 52t. Max Rampley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 53; Moriah Whitley 45t, 46; Cooper Sandefur 323b, 50b; Shawn Taylor 140, 83b; Judy Mincey 178, 40; Sasha Hsuczyk 29b, 521; Allie Dudley 56b, 30b; Maddy Mullany 460, 471; Brayden Whitley 179, 135.

RECESS

Esther Morgan-Ellis called the class back to order leading 30t. Leaders: David Brodeur 112, 121; Lisa Bennett 50t, 55; James Burrell 72b, 209; David Smead 512, 513; Isaac Stroupe and Maddy Mullany 401, 319; Hannah Underwood, Hazel Underwood, and David Brodeur 404, 408; Max Rampley 105, 47b; Judy Mincey 497, 515; David Smead 263, 266; Cooper Sandefur 539, 36t; Moriah Whitley 472, 117; Allie Dudley 276, 284; Maddy Mullany 224, 477; Shawn Taylor 188; Sasha Hsuczyk 214, 414.

LUNCH

Shawn Taylor called the class back to order leading 418. Leaders: Brayden Whitley 325, 63; Lisa Bennett 428, 274b; James Burrell 303, 163t; Hannah Underwood 82t; Hannah Underwood and David Brodeur 387; David Brodeur 222, 522; Max Rampley 35; Esther Morgan-Ellis and Nola Brown 76b; Esther Morgan-Ellis 352; David Smead 348t; Judy Mincey 481; James Burrell 72t; Lisa Bennett 334; Hannah Underwood and David Brodeur 449; Esther Morgan-Ellis 464; Shawn Taylor 297; Brayden Whitley and Moriah Whitley 331.

Esther Morgan-Ellis and Moriah Whitley led 347 as the closing song. Max Rampley offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Esther Morgan-Ellis; Secretary—Moriah Whitley

## **MULBERRY RIVER CONVENTION**

**Cullman County, Alabama**

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

The Mulberry River Convention was held at Dodge City Town Hall on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The class was called to order by Butch White leading 34b. Tom Booth offered the opening prayer. Butch White led 313b.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers and committee members: Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Ann Jett; Arranging—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 100, 298 (for Wanda Capps); Tim Gregg 68b, 101t; Greg Allred 452, 72b; Tom Booth 176b, 523; Beth Branscome 50b, 350; Brenda Chafin 78, 110; Jeff James 124, 86; Susan Allred 182, 270; Ainslie Allen 475, 498.

**RECESS**

Butch White led 480 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Cassie Allen 491, 72t; Roma Rice 323b, 34t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 52t, 70b; Amber Davis 187, 208; Cindy Tanner 217, 155 (in memory of Lucy Hiedorn), “Harrison”; Larry Ballinger 157, 97.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 332 and 547. Leaders: Lisa Geist 171, 540; Nicholas Thompson 172; Ann Jett 167, 37b; Beth Branscome 461; Tim Gregg 90, 515; Brenda Chafin 430; Jeff James 277; Susan Allred 186; Bridge Hill Kennedy 192; Roma Rice 212; Greg Allred 36b; Amber Davis 436; Cindy Tanner 73b; Larry Ballinger 448b; Ann Jett 319. Announcements were made.

Butch White led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Greg Allred, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Butch White; Vice Chairman—Nicholas Thompson; Secretary—Ann Jett

## **NEW PROVIDENCE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING**

**Ringgold, Louisiana**

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

The 19th 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 Bruce Ray.

Leaders: Robert Vaughn 468 (CB); Sonya Kirkham 559 (CB), 591 (CB); Gaylon Powell 112 (CB), 239 (CB); Molly Gatewood 274t (CB), 106 (CB); Joan Smith 100 (CB), 47t (CB); Mark Davis 336b (CB), 39 (CB); Miriam Delirium 38b (CB), 38t (CB).

**RECESS**

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order by leading 535b (CB). Leaders: Mallory Hoopingarner and Harper Hoopingarner 540 (CB), 78 (CB); Valerie Gatewood 223 (CB), 180 (CB); Chris Nicholson 212 (CB), 75 (CB); Kristie Powell 514 (CB), 296 (CB); Will Gatewood 40 (CB), 48t (CB); Peggy Ray 64 (CB), 293b (CB); Miriam Delirium 380t (CB). Gaylon Powell offered the prayer before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Robert Vaughn leading 445 and 354t. Leaders: Sonya Kirkham 143, 276; Gaylon Powell 374, 86; Molly Gatewood 83t, 175; Joan Smith 127, 145b; Mark Davis 225t, 430; Miriam Delirium 506, 230; Valerie Gatewood 169, 543; Chris Nicholson and Charity Nicholson 81t, 477.

**RECESS**

Robert Vaughn called the class back to order leading 128. Leaders: Kristie Powell 45t, 115; Will Gatewood 438, 115; Peggy Ray 63, 569b; Sonya Kirkham 207; Gaylon Powell 538; Molly Gatewood 39t; Joan Smith 133; Mark Davis 273; Miriam

Delirium 440; Valerie Gatewood 198; Chris Nicholson and Charity Nicholson 30t; Kristie Powell 29t; Will Gatewood 355; Peggy Ray 565. Announcements were made. Robert Vaughn led 34t as the closing song. Mike Kirkham offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Robert Vaughn; Secretary—Sonya Kirkham

**UNITED SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION  
(2025 EDITION)**

**The Foundry At Puritan Mills, Atlanta, Georgia**

**September 13-14, 2025**

**Saturday, September 13**

The 120th session of The United Sacred Harp Convention met on the second Sunday and the Saturday before in September. The focus of Saturday's singing was to debut the 2025 Revision of *The Sacred Harp* songbook. Blake Sisemore called the class to order by leading 32t. The opening prayer was given by Shane Brown.

A business session was held, and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairmen—Richard Ivey, Jesse P. Karlberg, and Nathan Rees; Secretary—Pam Nunn; Chaplains—John Huffman, Jenna Strizak, Alvaro Witt Duarte, Samuel Sommers, and David Lee; Arranging Committee—Anna Hinton, Rebekah Gilmore, David Ivey, Helen Brown, Cindy Tanner, and Nathan Rees; Memorial Committee—Judy Caudle, Jean Seiler, and Steven Schmidgall with special memorials by Karen Rollins, Nathan Rees, Scott DePoy, and Judy Hauff; Finance Committee—Shane Wootten, Chairman, Abigail Cannon, Peter Trumbore, Shane Brown, Alvaro Witt Duarte, and Shelby Castillo; Location Committee—Tom George, Matt Hinton, Karen Rollins, and Elene Stovall; Resolutions Committee—Lisa Grayson, Betsy Jeronen, Hannah Land, and Linda Shea.

David Ivey welcomed all attendees and introduced the Revision. He then led 347b. He talked about how on October 23, 2018, the Sacred Harp Publishing Company Board of Directors had asked him to chair the Revision Committee. The committee of nine was formed and began working the next year. The heart of their job over the next seven years, as Buell Cobb wrote in his 1978 landmark book was “to improve and renew the storehouse of songs”. The book has been revised and improved from cover to cover. There were 1, 155 songs submitted. From that one hundred thirty songs were added by seventy-eight composers, forty-nine of which are living composers. These composers were from eighteen states and five countries. For today's session, we are here first to honor God. We will also be recognizing the forty-nine living composers, most of whom are here with us. We will exclusively sing the composers' songs and a handful of other historic songs that are new to the book. Congratulations, new composers. Today we recognize you and your songs that are newly added to *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*.

The Revision Committee Leaders: Lauren Bock 367; Helen Brown 484b; Richard Ivey 471; Jesse P. Karlberg 213b; Nathan Rees 449; Karen Rollins 461; Terry Wootten 51; David Wright 184.

Leaders: Steve Brett 81b; Jesse P. Karlberg and Jean Seiler 231; Allison Blake Steel 478; Katie Huffman, John Huffman, Ruth Huffman, and Caleb Huffman 469; Micah John Walter 356; Dan Thoma 463; Tom Ivey 493; Keillor Mose 451; Tim Erikson 413; Andy Ditzler 516; Thom Farbach 265.

Denney Rogers introduced David Huddleston, Georgia State Representative, who presented a proclamation from the House of Representatives to The Sacred Harp Publishing Company for the 2025 Revision and Singing.

RECESS

John Plunkett called the class to order by leading 570. He also expressed appreciation to the Revision Committee and the Board of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company. Leaders: Kelsey Ivey 501t; Matt Hinton and Mark Godfrey 531; Fynn Titford-Mock 323b; Lauren Bock, Lucey Rose Karlsberg, and Corrine Wells 254; Deidra Montgomery 255; Allison Blake Steel 256; Rachel Hall, Rachael Geary, and Ruth Wampler Hissong 257; Jenny Solheim 258; Vicki Elliott 259.

Richard Ivey and Karen Rollins paused to remember Mike Hinton, former President of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, for his contributions to Sacred Harp. They presented a plaque to his family: Shannon Hinton, daughter; Tracey Walters, niece, her husband Alan and their daughter, Jordan.

Leaders: Jacob Stelby 520; Tom George, Sarah George, and James George 541; Rebecca Wright 223; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 539; Angharad Davis 488; William Cleary 562; José Camacho 487; Peter Schinske 483; Thomas Ward 357; Kevin Barrens 334; David Smead 513; Keillor Mose and Tom George 279; Alvaro Witt Duarte 140; Robert Stoddard 561. A lunch prayer was given by John Huffman.

#### LUNCH

The class was brought back to order by Lindy Groening leading 476. Jesse P. Karsberg introduced Carroll County Commission Chair Michelle Morgan.

Chairman Morgan presented a proclamation from the Commission to Sacred Harp for contributions to Carroll County.

Leaders: Barrett Patton 420t; Cory Winters and Allison Langston 433; Rachel Hall and Em Ekelund 507; Shane Wootten, SHPC board member 438; Warren Steel 459; Lauren Bock and Sasha Hsuczyk 409; Fynn Titford-Mock 116; Steve Brett, Joyce Smith, and Mandy Rose 161; Jesse P. Karlsberg, Karen Rollins, Denny Rogers, Mayor of Ephesus, and Randa Harris 188; Allison Blake Steel and Peter Irvine 115; David Wright, Harold Wright, Eleanor Wright, and Meg Wright 263.

As a tribute to Rebecca Over in recognition of her bequest to the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, Nathan Rees, Michael Walker, Helen Brown, Ted Brown, Fynn Titford-Mock, Steve Brett, and Arther Swindells presented a memorial oil painting of Rebecca that will be displayed at the Sacred Harp Publishing Company Museum.

Leaders: Samantha Cole 429; Shane Brown, Rodney Ivey, and Jamey Wootten 499t; Jesse P Karlsberg, Sharon Hamrick, and Oscar McGuire 571; Keillor Mose 355; Michael Walker 502; Helen Brown 423b; Vicki Elliott 366; Jenny Solheim 524; Tom George 244.

#### RECESS

Michael Spencer led 515 to begin the last afternoon session. Leaders: Jeannette DePoy and Helen Brown 243; Jesse P Karlsberg, Oscar McGuire, and Katy McGuire 574; Allison Blake Steel 264; David Wright 381; Elene Stovall 293; Alex Forsyth 266; Rebekah Gilmore 393; Cindy Tanner, Cassie Allen, Ann Jett, and Tom George 494; Ellen Lueck 484t; Judy Caudle and Nicholas Thompson 566; Micah Walter 242; Andy Ditzler 330b; Keillor Mose and Ben Fenton 395; Allison Blake Steel 130; David Wright and Erik Schwab 526; Steve Brett 453; Vicki Elliott and Samantha Cole 219; Alex Forsyth and Blake Sisemore 468; Jesse P Karlsberg and Lucey Rose Karlsberg 414t; Hayden Arp 437.

On behalf of the Revision Committee, Terry Wootten expressed his appreciation for the composers and attendees. Nathan Rees addressed the group about leading on Sunday, Richard Ivey discussed how to order books, and Cathy Bonk announced details of the Saturday evening social.

David Ivey, along with the Atlanta area singers, led 308. Jenna Strizak offered the closing prayer.

## Sunday, September 14

The Sunday session of the United Convention again met at the Foundry at Puritan Mills, Atlanta, Georgia. David Ivey called the class to order at 9:30 a.m. by leading 31b. The morning prayer was offered by Alvaro Witt Duarte.

Groups of Leaders: Co-Vice Presidents Jesse P. Karlsberg, Nathan Rees, and Richard Ivey 48t; Arranging Committee Nathan Rees, Anna Hinton, Rebekah Gilmore, Cindy Tanner, and Secretary Pam Nunn 327; Resolutions Committee Lisa Grayson, Betsy Jeronen, Hannah Land, and Linda Shea 59; Location Committee Tom George, Matt Hinton, Karen Rollins, and Elene Stovall 73t; Finance Committee Shane Wootten, Abigail Cannon, Peter Trumbore, Shane Brown, Alvaro Witt Duarte, and Shelby Castillo 99; Composer Stanley Smith 514; Anders Wells, Amy Wells, Andy Ditzler, Anna Hinton, Bill DuPre, David Brodeur, Erica Hinton, Jeannette DePoy, Jim Neal, Lauren Bock, Lisa Bennett, Lottie Hinton, Matt Hinton, Sasha Hsuczyk, Scott DePoy, Shawn Taylor, and David Smead 475; Ann Jett, Ann Riley, Bridge Hill Kennedy, Chris Parris, Cindy Tanner, Elene Stovall, Julie White, Stefani Priskos, and Allison Davis 391; Grace Patterson, Jim Patterson, Laura Ann Russell, Liz Hayes, Michael Darby, Ray Rechenberg, and Sheila Patterson 300; Adam DeBruler, Allen Tullos, Charles Woods, Dan Edwards, Doug Allison, Duffy, Emmanuel Chammah, Jacquelyn O'Bryan, Jake Harmon, James Burrell, Janet Shepherd, Jessica Crowe, Joe DeLisle, Joel Mott, Karen Edwards, Meredith Herr, Pamela Morris, Reynolds DeLisle, and Wendy Snell 39t; David Bernier, Chris Wolf, Elena Conway, Evan Herr, Gabe Simerson, Minh Nguyen, and Peter Pate 191; Kelly Toon, Leesa Eason, Tim Blinkley, and Timothy Morton 318; Dorothea Maynard, Dean Jens, Rachel Speer, Calvin Jens, Beverly Dayton, Ellen Fournier, Marja Millard, Maygan Barker, Nichole Bowman, Norma Reesor, and Vik Slen 203; Laura Mulford, Bill Denney, Rob Tibbs, William McNiece, Adrian Eldridge, Barb Lund, Barbara Lehr, Beth Hall, Darrell Lahm, Matthew Lind, Melody Luppino, Samuel Sommers, Sarah Ward, Shannon Tibbs, Thomas Koehnline, and Thomas Smith 244; Brooke Robb, Claire Steinman, Ellen Ray, Ivy Hauser-Hall, Jason Jones, Jordan Langehennig, Stina Soderling, Stuart Ivey, Tom Owen, and Tristan Gordon 373; Bridget Jamison, Frances Mary D'Andrea, Hayden Arp, Hollie Long, Katie Eichenlaub White, Kyle Johnston, Ruth Wampler Hissong, Samantha Adioetomo, and Sophie Sokolov 204; Allen Dugger, Angela Varnon, Carnon Brunson, Dave Farmer, Jacob Lindler, Jeremiah Ledbetter, Robert Kelley, Sharon Strong, and Tom Ivey 544.

Scott DePoy and Judy Hauff presented a special memorial lesson remembering Buell Cobb. Scott read an essay, written by Buell, expressing what it means and feels like participating in a Sacred Harp singing. Judy recalled her initial encounter with Buell, when she learned he had written a book about Sacred Harp and then realized that he could really sing. Judy Hauff closed the tribute by leading 547.

### RECESS

Richard Ivey brought the class to order by leading 111t. Leaders: Allison Langsten, Beth Janes, Cory Winters, and McKenna Mullis 472; Ben Bridges, Braden Whately, Gene Pinion, Jason Talsness, Joel Varland, Jose Camacho, Katy McGuire, Kevin Juarez, Kylie Lewis, Moriah Whately, Oscar McGuire, Rexanna Lester, Sharon Hamrick, Sharon Strong, Tom Ivey, Jason Talsness, Peter Talsness, and Brian Dennison 364; Karen Clark, Barb Patterson, Carol Buche, Claudia Egelhoff, Dick Patterson, Stephen Kasperick-Postellon, and Teresa Kasperick-Postellon 163t; Anna Maria Irvine, Allison Blake Steel, Christine Andrews, Holly Laws, Jenna Strizak, Linda Shea, Mary Andrews, Peter Irvine, Tim Erikson, and Wendy Sibbison 542; Anton Popov, David Schmitt, Eleanor Wright, Harold Wright, Joel Rosen, Julia Zaffarano, Meg Wright, Mike Chaffin, Paul Landskroener, Paul Lindholm, Stephanie Fida, and Wynona Horn 454; Grace Whitener, Lucey Rose Karlsberg, Everett Ivey, Calvin Jens, Rob Tibbs, Vivian Ivey, and Meredith Ivey 146; Grace

Stevens, Phil Hammond, Stella Price, Abby Cheney, Daniel Lee, Daryl Chesney, Deborah Taube, Isabelle Brozen, Nathan Stewart, Peter Dobson, Shari Magee, Stephen Ray Miller, and Susan Lee 32b; Anna Rose Gable, Carson Evans, Charles Biada, Deidre Montgomery, Gwen Gethner, Ian Quinn, Jeremy Picker, Jocelyn Kurtze, Keillor Mose, Marie Brandis, Michael Ipsen, Michaela Natal, and Nathalie Levine 78; Cole Barber, Erin Newton, Maddy Mullany, Pamela Miller, Peg Dunn, Rachel Mann, Sharon Jenkins, Andrea Shaw, Anne Gilliland, Brian Boris, Clarke Williams, Corine Serfass, Holly Mixon, Hunter Hale, Suzanne Hale, Jonathan Wood, Michele Dohse, Lynda Hambourger, Gill Minor, Pamela Minor, and Sara Hopkins 441.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Judy Caudle, Jean Seiler, and Steven Schmidgall. Steven read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Curt Rose, Denise Kania, Peter Amidon, David Light, Wanda Capps, Margaret Keeton, Betty Shepherd, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Joyce Walton, Paul Sandefur, Brenda Dunlap, Suzanne Newton, Ginny Ely, Janet Morgan (caregiver), Don Bowen, Ted Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Dan Itestzler, Edith Woodling, Susan Johnson Marrett, Tom Waggoner, Sherry Rogers Lovvorn, Greta Holbrook, Rio Seiler, Briana Bean Hirsch, Nancy Henderson, Kate Fine, Karleen Rogers Williams, Sheila Chitwood, Katy Black, B.R. Black, Denise Kania, Eric Rubio, Danarieza Villa, Brie Wilder, Abbey Dupuy, Pat Temple, Jesse Roberts, Cindy Duorsky Cilou, Nate Green, Calum Woods, Adam Barnes, Sandy Hill, Nicholas Dilley, Cacilia Mann, John Hollingsworth, Elsie Hollingsworth, Anne Martz, Dave Barber, Maggie Zhou, Tammy Heinson (caregiver).

Jean Seilor spoke about being a Quaker and that the Quakers often quote "I am holding you in the Light". That statement has come to mean a lot to her and her family. She noted that one of the names on the list was that of her step-grandson, Rio Seiler. Rio had been in a horrible accident earlier this year and was still in intensive care. She also said that whenever she talks to her stepson, she says that statement before they end their conversation. We should, as a Sacred Harp family, always hold others "in the light". Jean led 68b.

Steven Schmidgall then read the following list of names of the deceased: Martin Coll, Peter Dalby, John Smead, Cael Weisser, Kenneth Browne, Tom Jurgensen, Susie McIntosh, Nancys Tellier, Cate Skidmore, Mitchell Dean, Keith Tolbert, Hollie Ruthberg, Jimmie C. Nelson, Mel Kersey, Thomas Reynolds, Jeff Begley, Susan Fetcho, Helen Lambert, Mary Owen Grayson, Jeff Bell, Andrew Van Pragh, David Bennett, Rick McWilliams, Phil Perrin, Ruth Anne Bryant, Coronne Bryant, Jean Westra Oldham, Dinos Nearchoo, Peter Child, Contanze Denis, Dingo Dinkleman, Olive Gibon, Bernard Collard, Steve Biggs, Rob Mahoney, Neill Thompson, Ellen Bainbridge, Lynne Denman, Anita de Lotbiniere, Mary Pateman, Teddy York, Kathleen Nagy, Davy Nagy, Buell Cobb, Jabbara Edwards, Robert Everett Strayhorn, Carol Patterson, Tad Fujioka, Mike Hinton, Pauline Oliver, Susan Smith, Grady Wade Denny Burgess, William Ralph Paris, Hank Schutz, Pete Schenk, Sally Gethner Handler, Alice Bejnar, Susan Morgan, Robert Resnick, Corbin Rogers, and Danny Griffin.

Using various song lyrics, Judy Caudle pointed out that the memorial lesson was a time of quiet reflection, a time for memories of past singers, laughter, fellowship, and worship with those who can no longer be with us. One message always comes through during the memorial lesson which is that we are bound together by this music. We develop relationships with one another that cannot be found anywhere else on this earth. When one member hurts, we can find comfort in our music. We should always remember that death is a part of life. "Part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now". Judy led 354b. Steven Schmidgall closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Leanne Carter, Butch White, Chelsea Latimer, Dalton Green, David Jackson, Haley Rodgers, Jesse Latimer, Kevin Krupnik, Lori Hand-Rodgers, Mark Davis, Micah Rodgers, Michael Rodgers, Nicholas Thompson, Virginia Eldridge, and Warren Steel 491; Amy Ludwig, Brian McKee, Duncan MacLeod, Jeff McLeod, Kimberly Fox, Linnea Sablosky, Lucy Grindon, Michael Hagerty, Robert Fink, Sarah Hill, and Lizzie Sanders 37b; Jerusha Wheeler, J R Hardiman, Joe Deslisle, and Wyn Batson 434. David Lee led a prayer dismissing the class for lunch.

#### LUNCH

Jesse P. Karlsberg began the next session leading 345b. Leaders: David Tian, Alec Jenkins-White, Alissa Eiesland, Amanda Sanson Tiratto, Ben Copenhaver, John Wiens, Martha Henderson, Sam Tiratto, Stephanie Copenhaver, Eli Copenhaver, Karen Clark, Steve Lutinen, and Steven Schmidgall 274t; Alex Forsyth, Donna Abrahams, Gail Doss, Hannah Underwood, Joseph Bray, Nicholas Bruns, and Rachael Gearly 40; Krista Kahrs, Peter Trumbore, Anne Missavage, Bob Borcherding, Cecilia Kramer, Idy Kiser, Liz Kiser, Marian Mitchell, Martha Beverly, and Wendy Wahn 189; Alice Bean, Ann Drexler, Dave Ressler, Erik Schwab, Jonathon Smith, Roberts Strauss, Darlene Moak, Eric Morgan, Sidra Schkerke, and Jo Del Albi 201; Garnett Scholberg, Ingmar Amberson, James Solheim, and Thomas Hallaran 159; Abby Hayes, Angie Martin, Caroline Gilbert, Catherine Drewry, Cooper Sandefur, Corey Helms, Delaney Waters, Esther Morgan-Ellis, Garrett Holder, Jane Cannon, Jose Martinez, Judy Mincey, Juli Hayes, Lily Hammond, Michael Spencer, Pete Dybdahl, Shane Brown, and Shannon Primm 118; Anne Huckins, Deb Koch, Greg Saue, Karen Willard, Kate Fortin, Kevin Barrans, Kim Lusk, and Lucinda Saue 280; Betsy Jeronen, Carrie Waller, Dan Thoma, Emma Swartz, Jennifer Jones, Julie Thoma, Kate-Laurel Agnew, Leo Helm, Mischa Skeeter, Ruth Linehan, Tamara Wallace, Thom Farbach, and Vicki Morgan 276; Anna Melton, Ben Fink, Doron Henkin, Douglas Kurtze, Erika Wilson, Isabella Segalovich, Korey Guerrier, Patti Davis, Rachel Hall, Susan Ginsberg, and Suzan Greenberg 377; Carolyn Deacy, Dami Osoba, Elizabeth Poss, Jenny Solheim, Leigh Cooper, Lena Strayhorn, Linda Groening, Lucy O'Leary, Lydia Laroux, Mary Rose O'Leary, Rachel O'Leary, and Heather Purdy 501b; Abigail Cannon, Belena Morton, Blake Sisemore, Cassie Allen, Cheyenne Ivey, Levi Trumbore, Patricia Worden, Reba Windom, Rodney Ivey, Sarah George, and Shelby Castillo 411; Owen Stoddard, Kit Walsh, Christopher Hodges, Erin Fulton, Kal Glashausser, Kate Bergren, Lorelei Oslund, Rebecca Hawkins, Richard Schmeidler, and Yael Tarshish 216; Arthur Swindells, Helen Brown, Joyce C Y L, Joyce Smith, Michael Walker, Samantha Cole, Steve Brett, Ted Brown, Vicki Elliott, and Werner Ullah 436; Barrett Patton, Brandon Buxton, Brenda Armstrong, David Carlton, David Killingsworth, Emily Stutzman, Kathryn Buxton, Mark Jones, Nicole Scott, Patrick Patton, Rachel Green, Thomas Hersey, and Tim Reynolds 64; Aaron Girard, Izzy Ross, Jade Levine, Annie Reynolds, Chris Cotter, Elias Neuman-Donihue, Elsa Phemayotin, Emma Rose Brown, Harry Bernholz, Jacob Stebly, Jasmine Mendoza, Jon Adler, Marlena Ospina, Sam Kleinman, and Sebastian Beaghen 228; Chih-ching Dill Ma, Chris Thorman, Conall Barber, Dave Barber, Ellen Lueck, Janet Herman, Jeff Kellem, Jeffrey Laub, Jonas Powell, Leigh Ratlil, and Mark Godfrey 270; Corlan Johnson, Lorelei Erisis, R. Anuhea Sebstad, Becky Wright, Ben Sachs-Hamilton, Crispin Youngberg, Joel Newberger, Lorelei Erisis, Matthew Leger-Small, and Micah Walter 384; Derek Buckland, Fynn Titford-Mock, and Inga Buckland 97; Angharad Davis and Natalie Sims 340; Anabel Gravel Chabot, Caroline Helmeczi, Edouard Beaudry, Elea Regembal, Em Ekelund, Esther Wade, Gillian Inksetter, Nathan Ferguson, Phillippe Doyle-Gosselin, Philou, Sara Ng, and Sunny Doyle 532; Mary Helen Dupree, Nina Burris, Seth Langer, Becca Lane, David Shulman, Jonathan Een Newton, Kevin Slaughter, Samuel Chapin, and Thomas Ward 105;

Alexa Tucker, Chris Noren, Hannah Land, Mandy Rose, Rowan Simms, and William Cleary 198; Alec Collins, Elizabeth Stoddard, Jill Clough, Joan Nagy, Kerry Cullinan, Nicandra Galper, Robert Stoddard, Sarah Maika, and Sara Sandberg 41; Bob Hume, Charlotte Basham, Julia Smith, Kari Lundgren, Peg Faithful, Sara Beaber-Fujioka, and Sylvia Grace Friske 344; Aaron Wootten, David Lee, Jared Wootten, Kathy Lee, Kim Trumbore, Marty Wootten, Riley Lee, Sheila Wootten, Terry Wootten, Anna Oliver, Donna Wootten, Linda Thomas, Shane Wootten, Tom George, and Wayne Wootten 29t.

In recognition of his devotion to Sacred Harp and for the work he did on the new book and preparing for the United Convention, the Revision Committee presented a plaque to David Ivey. After a standing ovation, David Ivey thanked everyone for their support.

#### RECESS

Nathan Rees led 56t to begin the final session. Leaders: Seth Rutledge, Abby Beshkin, Barbara Swetman, Benjamin Fenton, David Fuller, Jan Robinson, Jean Seiler, Joanne Fuller, Lily Chambers, Mary Skidmore, Pattie Wareh, Sue Peters, and Tarik Wareh 217; Anne Evers, Lloy Cook, Molly-Claire Gillett, and Tom Evers 171; Alvaro Witt Duarte, Chloe Kraut, Eileen Ferguson, Evan Druce, Ginny Landgraf, Judy Hauff, June Murphy, Lisa Grayson, Lois Kiser, and Randy Neufeld 504; Bess Fitzgerald, Gerald Shoultz, Hannah Resnick, Jeremy York, John Fink, Lisa Gottlieb-Kinnaird, Nancy Spates, Nola Nielsen, and Will Fitzgerald 569b; Graham Parman, Katie Mahoney, Bertie Tompkins, Juanita Heyerman, Kristofer Ilex, Paul Chamberlain, Peter Schinske, Pippa Stoddard, and Rosie Sokolov 426t; Irene Gilb, J R Hardman, Leslie Alperin, Mitchell Gustin, Porter Lontz-Underhill, Ransom Smith, Sam Thomas, and Wade Kotter 474; Blue Taylor, Rosemary Wells Minasian, Howe Pearson, Nancy Van Den Akker, Rowan Mayre, and Robert Zanca 535; David Ivey, Everett Ivey, Grace Whitener, Karen Ivey, Kelsey Ivey, Meredith Ivey, Richard Ivey, Kevin Krupnik, and Vivian Ivey 421; Barry Rollins, Denney Rogers, Jenna Frey, Juli Coffey, Karen Rollins, Karis Booth, Kathy Williams, Laura Wood, Robin Stewart, Sheri Taylor, and Casey Askin 84; Blakemore Lowe, Brent Tozzer, Cathy Lepik, Debora Grosse, Grace Holleran, Hannah Richardson, Harrison Beumer, Helen Bryson, Henry Slack, Jan Smith, Laura Akerman, Lela Crowder, Maureen Wallin, Kelsey Rasp, and John Plunkett 112; Bill DuPre, Christian Hauser, Frida Hauser, and Hans Hauser 47b.

In a business session, Chairman David Ivey asked to hear reports from the various committees. Shane Wootten gave the report for the Finance Committee of the offering received and the expenses incurred. Pam Nunn, Secretary, reported that there were eighty-seven leaders on Saturday, and seventy-three leaders and groups of leaders on Sunday. The total songs led for both days was one hundred sixty. There were six countries represented: the United States with thirty-five states, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Australia, and Canada with three provinces. Tom George announced for the Locating Committee that the 2026 United Convention will be held at Holly Springs Church, Bremen, Georgia. Lisa Grayson, Betsy Jeronen, and Hannah Land of the Resolutions Committee resolved to thank the Atlanta Singers and The Sacred Harp Publishing Company for the hard work they did to make this year's convention and the Revision Singing so great. They resolved to meet again in 2026 at Holly Springs Church, Bremen, Georgia.

David Ivey thanked everyone for coming and led 62 as the closing song. Sam Sommers offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairmen—Richard Ivey, Jesse P. Karlsberg, and Nathan Rees; Secretary—Pam Nunn

**THE UNITED KINGDOM SACRED HARP CONVENTION  
(2025 EDITION)**  
**Barley Mow Village Hall, Birtley, County Durham, United Kingdom**  
**September 19-21, 2025**

**Friday, September 19**

There was an additional, exceptional celebration of the launch of *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*, hosted by the Revision-Music Committee of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company, chaired by David Ivey, with Helen Brown and David Wright also in attendance from the Revision-Music Committee.

Claire Welford, Chair of UK Convention, called the class to order by leading 499t. Nadia Bolz-Weber offered the opening prayer. David Ivey gave an overview to the making of the new 2025 revision of the Sacred Harp, and the composers present were invited to lead their songs and other new songs in the 2025 edition.

Leaders: Helen Brown 27b; Steve Brett, Joyce Smith, and Jessica Beer 81b; Matthew Parkinson 265; Vicki Elliott 323b; Helen Brown 484b; Allison Steel 130; Richard Mayers 449; David Wright 184; Andy Ditzler 516; Miles Louis Dakan 539; Helen Brown 515; Fynn Titford-Mock 366; Rebecca Wright 223; Robert Stoddard 561; Matthew Hinton 531; Andy Ditzler 330b; Steve Brett 161; Allison Steel 264; David Wright 526; Vicki Elliott 259; Matthew Parkinson 219; Barry Parsons 429; Samuel Turner 453; Barry Parsons and Fynn Titford-Mock 116; Allison Steel 115; David Wright 263.

David Ivey, Helen Brown, and David Wright led 575 as the closing song. Helen Brown offered the closing prayer.

**Saturday, September 20**

The 28th session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention met at Barley Mow Village Hall, Birtley, County Durham on the third Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by the Chair, Claire Welford leading 171. Joel Wallenberg offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Joel Wallenberg 531; Tim McElwaine 484t; Phil Tyler 452t; Alex Ford 547; Peter Bourne 313b; Ann Thelwell 277; Jo-anne Carlyle 448b; Max Berueffy 276 (for Bridge Hill Kennedy); Helen Barber 191; Karen Turner 344; Scott Morrison 417; Margaret Bradshaw 300; Ruth Holman 350; Martel Reynolds 142; Joan Gordon 47t; Joy Spreadborough 159; James Harvey 448t.

**RECESS**

Mark Wardlaw called the class back together by leading 49b. Leaders: Anne Altringham 546; Chris Adam 192.

Sheila Girling Macadam and Edwin Macadam offered a dedication to Rebecca Over, whose generosity in her final bequest has contributed to the revision of the 2025 Sacred Harp.

Leaders: Emily Verrier-Hollway 270; Jan Geerts 524; Amanda Parkes 411; Andrew Snyder 216; Sonia Nayar 285t; Keillor Mose 45b; Jacoba Bruneel 542; Sebastian Borckenhagen 525; Eimear Maguire 41; Myles Louis Dakan 357; Benny Ross 68b; Harry Byford 339 (for Muriel Byford); Hannah Land 570; Eric Byrd 282; Sheila Girling Macadam 413; David Wright 571; Allison Steel 345b; Joshua Lant 211; Joanna Bennett 505. Joan Gordon offered the Selkirk Grace.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Connie Des Marais leading the song on page 42. Leaders: Katie Ahern 517; Steve Brett 334; Bridget Walker 455; David Brodeur 302; Nadia Bolz-Weber 203; Fran Barton 507; Brady Santoro 215; Chris Affolter 434; Sarah West 37t; Mick Verrier 118; Rachel Jordan 391; Aislinn Ahern 168; Fynn Titford-Mock 169; Erin Johnson-Williams 178b; Teresa Maguire 444; Mary Jane Wilkie 99; Dan Collier 31t; Sinéad Hanrahan 394; Becky Wright 255; Melanie Tönnies 544; Gerben Vos 78; Karen Ivey 501t; Ailish McMahon 127; Camilla Marie

Widhölm 502; Joe Jones 477; Calum Woods 523; Matthew Parkinson 318; Kate Kirwan 500.

#### RECESS

Seth Dickens called the class back to order leading 178t. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 471; Lauren Reader 460; Clara Potter-Sweet 116; Andy Ditzler 461; Liz Bryant 55; Barry Parsons 161; Matt Hinton 323b; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 219; Elizabeth Stoddard 415; Tom Sprackland 497b; Shoya Itsuka 472; Claire Singleton 39t; Rowan Simms 81b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 254; Cath Saunt 91; John Bealle 476; Claire Haas 504; Marjorie Brown 228. Ann Thelwell offered the closing prayer. Claire Welford led 27b as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

#### Sunday, September 21

The Sunday session of the United Kingdom Sacred Harp Convention began with Claire Welford, Chair, leading 49t. Steve Brett offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jo Kay 114; Molly-Claire Gillett 420t; Samuel Turner 399b; Ian West 51; Joyce Smith 453; George Harvey 383; Ben Kulvichit 122; Christina Zaba and Paul Zaba 268; Lilith Wozniak 319; Joe Vickers 511; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 437; Billy Harvell-Smith 384; Ted Brown 187; Seth Dickens 264; Scarlett Lassoff 567; David Garman 146; Charlotte Lynch and Josh Lant 432; Vicki Elliott 463; Chris Coombs 112.

#### RECESS

Margaret Bradshaw called the class back together leading 445. Leaders: Chris Noren 130; Petra Ertl 451; Gwendal Geleoc 53; Edwin Macadam 236; Elisabeth Schallwig 272; Oskar Kvæsnes 151; Eloise Clark 330b.

The sick and housebound lesson was conducted by Jan Geerts. Jan read the following list of names for the sick and housebound: Bryan Thompson, Mary Parkes, Michael Daly, Anne Price, Stephanie Carson, Johnny McKeown, Gill Doust, Suzanne Stephenson, Cynthia Crossley, Lucy Atkinson, Sally Dunleavy, Judy Crocker, Allie Thompson, Frédéric Eymard, Marie Evans, Bridget McVennon Morgan, Bernard Pridden, Greta Holbrook, Jane Jenkins, Mary Barnard, Mary Barber, Bobbie Goodell, Manfred Stamm, Hannah Andrew, Adam Barnes, James Showalter, Loretta Showalter, Connor Murray, Kate Fine, Sinéad McMahon, Seamus McMahon, Margaret Steel, Anne McMahon, Mary McCann, Michael Mosley, Lisa Cohen, Ted Johnson, Marcia Johnson, Joseph Brodan, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Judy Henry, Cecil Roberts, Joyce Walton, and Nate Green. Jan Geerts led 70t for those on the list.

The Memorial lesson was conducted by Helen Brown. Whilst acknowledging the equal importance of all names on the list, Helen spoke movingly of the loss of some of the key figures in the Sacred Harp Community in the UK and the US who have shown the spirit of Sacred Harp in their engagement with the community and who died this year. Helen Brown read the following list of names of the deceased: Rob Mahoney—Goring-by-Sea; Bernard Collard—Cheltenham; Muriel Byford—Pannal, West Yorkshire, UK; Greg Levin—Melbourne, Australia; Joyce Tyler—Kingsbridge, Devon; Rita Ahern—Cork, Ireland; Kathryn Galloway—Glasgow; Chris Stadward—Ripon; Dan Ellis—Cambridge, UK; John Bennett—Grambach, Germany; Stefania Płocienniczak—Łódź, Poland; Steve Biggs—Hove, UK; Jane Isaac—Portsmouth, UK; Roman Ratushay—Izyum, Ukraine; Anita de Lotbinière—London; Martin Coll—London; Dinos Nearchou—London; Lynn Denman—Carmarthen, Wales; Dingo Dinkleman—South Africa; Peter Child—London; Olive Gibson—London; Neil Thompson—London; Ellen Bainbridge—Sheerness-on-Sea; Peter Dalby—Norfolk; Eileen McCollum—Crosshaven, Ireland; Derek Winstanley—Bolton; John Badcock—Paignton; Simon White—Buxton; Margaret Ward—Glasgow; Maurice and Brenda Millinos—Chingford; Els Ladage—Holland; Isaac Arlan Ingle-Gillies—Wales; Sebastian Roskosch—Langt, Germany; Jean Barton—Witney; Karen Halford

Rawlings—Ashford, Kent; Jenifer Shorter—Gateshead; Stesh Purvis—Newcastle; Michael Kennedy—Cork; Robin Turner—Surrey; Rich Phillips—Vermont, USA; Daniel Davis, Doug Weiss, and Phil Teal—New Mexico, USA; Buell Cobb—Alabama, USA; Mike Hinton—Texas, USA; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin, USA; Bonnie Shuman—Ohio, USA; Sara Walthery—Indiana; Mary Pinney Erickson—Minnesota, USA; Jabbara Edwards—Washington, USA; Coronne Bryant—Maine, USA; Peggy Hendrix, Beverley Thompson, and Bob Goodman—Georgia, USA. Helen Brown led 285t in their memory. Joe Vickers closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Stacey Hackner 65; John Sprackland 312b; Ted Simonds 426t; Sophie Lockhart 416; Karen Ivey and David Ivey 395.

#### LUNCH

Sarah West began the afternoon session by leading 82t. Leaders: Greg Carson 276; Jacqui Knowles 340; Nick Hall 412; Peter Banks 306; Sophie Phipson 235; Wa'el Qasim 569b; Toby Goss 538; Corinne Sweet 448t; Chal Zon 294; John Hutchinson 356; William Cleary 562; Francis Zain 76b; Richard Mayers 250; Jan-Erik Steel 115; Helen Brown 367; David Wright 483; Lauren Reader 102; Elizabeth Stoddard 231; Matt Hinton 31t; Andy Ditzler 494; Becky Wright and Lorelei Erisis 80t; Robert Stoddard 279; Brady Santoro 284; Nadia Bolz-Weber 56b; New Mexico Singers 189.

#### RECESS

Karen Turner called the class back to order by leading 101t. Leaders: Martel Reynolds 117; Amanda Parkes 208; David Brodeur 217; Constance Des Marais 449; Sebastian Borckenhagen 186; David Ivey, Helen Brown, and David Wright 381; Shoya Itsuka 111b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 366; Andrew Snyder 86; Joanna Bennett 480; Fynn Titford-Mock, Allison Steel, and Matthew Parkinson 223; Camilla Marie Widholm 524; Myles Louis Dakan 423b; Steve Brett, Samuel Turner, and Barry Parsons 456 (for Bridget McVennon-Morgan); Sinéad Hanrahan 349; William Cleary and Richard Mayers 521; Melanie Tönnies and Petra Ertl 198; Andy Ditzler, Matt Hinton, Becky Wright, and Robert Stoddard 220; John Bealle 244; Katie Ahern 475.

Claire Welford, Chair, thanked the many people who had contributed to the convention by offering prayers and lessons, arranging, minuting, taking care of the kitchen, the room set up, the Lovely Social Céilidh Band, etc. Joe Jones, Treasurer reported that costs had been met. Jo-anne Carlyle, Secretary, reported that there were two hundred four registered singers; one hundred thirty-two leaders; one hundred seventy-two songs sung. Singers came from fourteen countries, including nine US States.

Claire Welford invited John Sprackland, incoming Chair for the UKSH Convention, to join her to lead 347t as the closing song. John Sprackland offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Clair Welford; Secretary—Jo-anne Carlyle

### ILLINOIS STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION (2025 EDITION)

**Channing-Murray Foundation, Urbana, Illinois**  
**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

The 38th annual Illinois Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Eric Morgan leading 59. Chaplain LaMar Schlabach offered the opening prayer. The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: Chair—Erik Schwab; Secretary—Martha Tyner; Treasurer—Mark Gruber. The slate was approved by unanimous vote. Erik Schwab welcomed the class and made opening announcements. Leaders: Jonathon Smith 47t; Lori Gruber 2 (MH); LaMar Schlabach 40; Sidra Schkerke 453; Ginny Landgraf 330b; Nicole Muffitt 282; Álvaro Witt Duarte 186;

Darrell Lahm 448b; Randy Neufeld 236; Sarah Ward 504; Miles Alexander 143; Dave Barford 56b; Ryan Hill 338; Mark Bowman 344; Scott Stieg 209; Prisca Rice 70b; Keith Seidel 484t; James Page "Sauk Prairie"; Debra Barford 192; Will Fitzgerald 569b; Judy Hauff 216; Samuel Sommers 544; Tim Gregg 115; Laura Mulford and Sarah Ward 159.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Erik Schwab leading 32t. Leaders: Ginny Landgraf 244; Dimitri Glaros 107; Álvaro Witt Duarte 3 (MH); Nicole Muffitt 122; Ryan Hill 84; Alice Bean 164; Barbara Lehr 34b; Liam Kelly 430; Darrell Lahm 445; LaMar Schlabach 48t; Adrian Eldridge 198; Shannon Tibbs 163b; Randy Neufeld 151 (MH); Thomas Koehnline 37b; Kevin Hamilton and Will Fitzgerald 148; Prisca Rice 89; Dave Barford 493.

Eric Morgan conducted the memorial lesson. He emphasized the importance of this tradition, as we send healing thoughts, songs, and prayers to those who could not be with us this day, to let them know they are remembered. He read these names of the sick and shut-ins: Terry Hogg, Janet Fraembis, Vick Woodard, Sheila Chitwood, Matthew Hofferth, and Carole Briggs. Eric led 34t.

In remembering those now deceased, Eric expressed our grief for their loss, but also our gratitude for having known them and for all that they brought to our lives as they wove together threads of kindness, generosity, faith and this music that brings us together. He read the names of Buell Cobb, Lucy Heidorn, Corbin Sheppard Rodgers, Pauline Oliver—Alabama; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin, Mike Hinton—Texas, Siena Woestenborg—Washington; Michael Cerbantez—California; Tom Jurgensen—Colorado and led 229. Chaplain LaMar Schlabach closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Lori Gruber 147 (MH); Mark Bowman 501b; Sidra Schkerke 357. The Chaplain offered the blessing and class recessed for lunch.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Erik Schwab leading 114. Leaders: Myles Alexander 456; Sarah Ward and Melody Luppino 448t; June Murphy 487; Scott Stieg 455; Tim Gregg 524; Mark Gruber and Erik Schwab 178t (for Peggy Peryam); Jonathon Smith 200; Tim Gregg 507; Keith Seidel 102; Eileen Ferguson 51; Samuel Sommers 334; Debra Barford 368; Judy Hauff 68 (MH); James Page 139 (MH); Laura Mulford and Sarah Ward 312b; Liam Kelly and Thomas Koehnline 112; Barbara Lehr and Adrian Eldridge 508; Alice Bean 19 (MH); Dimitri Glaros 183; June Murphy 98; Shannon Tibbs 497b; Liam Kelly 410t.

#### RECESS

Erik Schwab called the class back together for the final session leading 87. Leaders: Eric Morgan 264; Eileen Ferguson 148 (MH); Myles Alexander 538; Will Fitzgerald 323t; Tim Gregg 223; Scott Stieg 302; Samuel Sommers 386; James Page 45 (MH); Adrian Eldridge and Barbara Lehr 496; Prisca Rice 142; Álvaro Witt Duarte 472; Shannon Tibbs 149; Thomas Koehnline 483; Darrell Lahm 384.

Following announcements of upcoming All-Day Singings and Conventions, the Chair thanked all who contributed to the success of the day, including all in attendance, especially those who traveled significant distances. Special recognition was given to the Food Captain, Lori Gruber, Arranging Committee, Jonathon Smith, Chaplain LaMar Schlabach, and Pitching, Samuel Sommers and Ginny Landgraf. The Arranging Committee reported sixty-five singers in attendance from six states, with forty-nine leaders who led eighty-six songs. The Treasurer reported that our expenses were met.

In closing, the class sang 347t while taking the parting hand. The day ended with prayer from Chaplain Lamar Schlabach.

Chair—Erik Schwab; Secretary—Martha Tyner

## LEE ROGERS MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN HARMONY SINGING

No. 3 Railroad Street, Arnoldsville, Georgia

Saturday, September 20, 2025

The 15th annual Lee Rogers Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in September. All song selections were from *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. Judy Mincey welcomed the class and led 61t and 61b. Bill Hogan offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Robert Kelley 27b, 45b; Shawn Taylor 23b, 187; Jane Cannon 510b, 1; Bill Hogan 238 (in memory of Harrison Creel), 51 (in memory of John Etheridge); Bill Hollingsworth 336t, 168b; John Hollingsworth 56t; Christy Sinksen 548, 492b; Jeremiah Ledbetter 503, 162.

### RECESS

Judy Mincey called the class back together leading 66t. A business session was held. The following officers were elected to serve: Chair—Judy Mincey; Vice Chair—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Shawn Taylor. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Shawn Taylor 16, 184; Mary Baumeister 507b, 516; Kitty Reusch and Mary Baumeister 21, 136; Chris Wilhelm 288, 250t; Robert Kelley 32b, 523; Jeremiah Ledbetter 415t, 517; John Plunkett 397t (in memory of Rebecca Over), 164b. Bill Hollingsworth offered a blessing before the noon meal.

### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Judy Mincey leading 399b. Leaders: Bill Hogan 157b (in memory of Buell Cobb), 316 (in memory of John Hocutt); Chris Wilhelm 226t, 485; Jane Cannon 235 (in memory of Dorothy Lane), 193; Bill Hollingsworth 424, 111b; John Hollingsworth 82t; Christy Sinksen 167t, 56b; Robert Kelley 505, 501; Jeremiah Ledbetter 504, 460b; Mary Baumeister 204t, 245; Kitty Reusch 254b, 289b; Bill Hollingsworth 369 (by request of Elsie Hollingsworth); Judy Mincey 133. Announcements were made.

Judy Mincey led 203 as the closing song and offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Judy Mincey; Vice Chair—Bill Hollingsworth; Secretary—Shawn Taylor

## NEW YORK CITY SINGING (2025 EDITION)

Church of The Village, New York, New York

Saturday, September 20, 2025

The New York City All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in September at the Church of the Village. Jasmine Mendoza called the class to order by leading 34b. Jon Adler led the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sara Lott 186; Kobi Bordoley 515; Alanna Goodman 42; Sam Dembling 565b; Olivia Blamstrom 56b; Jon Adler 477; Aaron Girard 41; Marlena Ospina 67; Elias Neuman-Donihue 399b; McCabe Teems 163b; Rob Arbelo 99; Abigail Beshkin 102; Jamie Piedra 501b; Leah Weston 162; Chris Griswold 378b; Sebastian Beaghen 27t.

The following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Sara Lott; Vice Chair—Kobi Bordoley; Treasurer—Sunny Lawrence; Arranging Committee—Emma Rose Brown and Sebastian Beaghen; Secretary—Alanna Goodman.

### RECESS

Sara Leitao led 82t to call the class back together. Leaders: Russ Parker 86; Molly Dektar and Homer Baga 448b; Douglas Fower 227; Carol Huang 334; Elsa Phemayotin 563; Sunny Lawrence 33b; Chris Cotter 103; Terry Ryan 488; Eleanor Womach 439; Doe Lowinger 544; Kevin Beirne 161; Adam Breaux 395; Sue Peters 63; Kyle Johnston 32t; Jocelyn Kurtze 228; Lindsay Kruse 76b.

### RECESS

Jason Jack brought the class back to order by leading 105. Leaders: Hollie Long 115; Sid Quinsaat 229; Gwen Gethner 270; Laura Hodges 204.

Gerald Clark offered remarks and led 31b in honor of the following sick or shut-ins: Bryan Thompson, Margaret Davis, Stefani Priskos, Lacila Mann, Brie Wildau, Elizabeth Hodges, and Masha Ryskin.

Annie Reynolds then offered a memorial lesson and led 569b in honor of the following deceased: Eddie Van Zandt—Washington, DC; Alice Bejnar—Florida; Sally Gethner-Handler—Illinois; Kathleen Nagy—Ohio; Rick McWilliams and Ann Harts—Massachusetts; Dan Phemayotin—New Jersey; Buell Cobb—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; Thomas Reynolds—Oregon; John Smead—Missouri; Rob Mahoney and Steve Biggs—United Kingdom. Jon Adler offered a prayer to close the memorial service.

Leaders: Nancy Mandel 70t; Kiri Miller 411; Doron Henkin 507; Marie Brandis 483; Charles Biada 256; Samantha Adioetomo 269; Seth Rutledge 410t; Rachel Hall 419; Liora Goldensher 318. Jon Adler asked for blessings before the meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Evelyn Lamb leading 29t. Leaders: Mike Richards 436; Lisa Bennett 513; Mandy Rose 168; Kevin Griffin Moreno 255; Deidra Montgomery 377; Derek Buckland 447; Lauren Bock & Anna Hendricks 192; Angharad Davis 304; David Smead 570; Inga Buckland 472; Lily Hammond 242; Tarik Wareh 524; Jacob Stebly 520; Liz Patton 461; Elizabeth Poss 448t; Landon Peer 525; Patrick DeDauw 285t.

#### RECESS

Sam Kleinman led 445 to call the class back together. Leaders: Daniel Zaloum 422; Penny Henzel and Nathan Ferguson 106; Leon Pulsinelle 528; Jeremy Picker 55; Michael Ipsen 547; Joel Newberger and Annie Reynolds 171; Sarah Parker 182; Nathalie Levine and Jade Levine 384; Bradford West 426t; Gideon Dresdner 284; Gary Ryan 484t; Vera Kahn 480; Evelyn Lamb 476; John David DeVergiliis & Kobi Bordoley 268; Neve Jahn 353. Announcements were made.

Sara Lott and officers led 62 as the closing song. Jon Adler offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Sara Lott; Vice Chair—Kobi Bordoley; Secretary—Alanna Goodman

## SYDNEY SINGING (1991 EDITION)

Sydney, Australia, NSW

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

The 12th annual Sydney All-Day Singing was held in the Booler Community Centre in Sydney, Australia. Ruby Foster led 135 as the opening song. The class was called to order by Caitlin McHugh, who gave an Acknowledgement of Country, welcomed everyone to the singing and introduced the following appointed officers:

Chairperson—Caitlin McHugh; Secretary—Meg Quinlisk; Chaplain—Lachlan Warner; Treasurer—Caro Wormell. Lachlan Warner offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Thomas MacDonald 73b; Natalie Sims 32t; Caitlin McHugh 311; Shawn Whelan 171; Chris Phillips 312b; Meg Quinlisk 437; Ruby Foster 117; Thomas MacDonald 188; Natalie Sims 89; Caitlin McHugh 81t; Shawn Whelan 47t; Chris Phillips 189; Meg Quinlisk and Lachlan Warner 323b; Ruby Foster 417; Thomas MacDonald 406; Natalie Sims 290; Caitlin McHugh 173; Shawn Whelan 217; Chris Phillips 32b.

#### RECESS

Meg Quinlisk led 266 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Ruby Foster 191; Natalie Sims 222; Caitlin McHugh 213b; Shawn Whelan 224; Thomas MacDonald 183; Chris Phillips 110; Meg Quinlisk 478; Ruby Foster 204; Natalie Sims 540; Caitlin McHugh 354t; Shawn Whelan 319; Thomas MacDonald 331; Chris Phillips

513; Meg Quinlisk 438; Ruby Foster 551; Natalie Sims 542; Caitlin McHugh 215; Shawn Whelan 546. Lachlan Warner offered a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

Thomas MacDonald led 280 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Caro Wormell 198; Shawn Whelan 454; Meg Quinlisk 474; Lachlan Warner and Shawn Whelan 40; Ruby Foster 524; Natalie Sims 532; Caitlin McHugh 277.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lachlan Warner. The following sick and shut-ins were named: Beth Warner, Jessie Quigley. The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Anthony Bendall, Mike Hinton, Michelle Cook, Moi Chen, Kathleen Wise, Sable. Lachlan Warner led 47b.

Leaders: Thomas MacDonald 242; Caro Wormell 504; Shawn Whelan 320; Meg Quinlisk and Ruby Foster 254; Ruby Foster 263; Natalie Sims 236; Caitlin McHugh 284.

#### RECESS

Thomas MacDonald led 304 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Caro Wormell 198; Chris Phillips 300; Shawn Whelan 567; Caitlin McHugh and Theresa Winters 268; Meg Quinlisk 550; Ruby Foster 545; Natalie Sims 506; Lachlan Warner 49t; Elaena Gardner 142; Thomas MacDonald 227; Caro Wormell 547; Chris Phillips 313b; Shawn Whelan 475; Natalie Sims 48t; Meg Quinlisk 494.

Caitlin McHugh thanked all those who contributed to the all-day singing. The Secretary reported that seventeen singers from two states had sung seventy-seven songs led by eleven leaders. The Treasurer reported that the costs of the singing had been met by donations and the surplus will be put toward the purchase of new books. Announcements were made.

Caitlin McHugh led 148 as the closing song. Lachlan Warner offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Caitlin McHugh; Secretary—Meg Quinlisk

### **B.F. WHITE MEMORIAL SACRED HARP SINGING (J.L. WHITE REVISION) Hardeman Primitive Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia Sunday, September 21, 2025**

The class was called to order by John Plunkett, who welcomed everyone. He led 59 for the opening song. The opening prayer was offered by Bill DuPre. Leaders: Chairman John Plunkett 91b; Vice Chairman Russ Hanson 61, 72b; Secretary Sandra Wilkinson 60, 70b; Debora Grosse 155, 519; Judy Mincey 54t, 490b; Jake Harmon 164, 319; Hattie Karlsberg and Lucey Karlsberg 421, 146; Jesse Karlsberg 508b, 511; Bill DuPre 70t, 385t.

#### RECESS

Vice Chairman Russ Hanson brought the class together leading 101t. Leaders: Helen Bryson 227, 498t (in memory of Jetha Brooks); Linda Thompson 129, 143; Shawn Taylor 140, 175; Carol Hanson 313, 478t; Malinda Snow 85, 176t; Grace Holleran 45b, 145b.

#### LUNCH

Chairman John Plunkett led 491t and 30t. Leaders: Judy Mincey 55t, 55b; Debora Grosse 63, 159; Sandra Wilkinson 300, 311; Grace Holleran 223; Jake Harmon 235, 499b; Bill DuPre 37t, 37b; Russ Hanson 192, 526; Helen Bryson 508t, 317b; Stephanie Bialek 150, 286b; by request, the class sung 239; Shawn Taylor 66, 32b; Linda Thompson 358, 388; Carol Hanson 389t, 395b; Malinda Snow 287, 28t; Grace Holleran 289, 26 (in the back of the book).

The memorial lesson was conducted by Sandra Wilkinson. Following her remarks, the list of sick and shut-ins submitted included Don Bowen, Elder David Smith, Marsha Smith, Mike Spencer, Shannon Primm, Joyce Walton, John Hollingsworth,

Elsie Hollingsworth, and Bill Hollingsworth. The deceased named were Buell Cobb—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; and Corrone Bryant—Maine. Judy Mincey led 240 for all. The memorial lesson was closed with prayer by Malinda Snow. By request John Plunkett led 149. Announcements were made.

John Plunkett led 323t as the closing song. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer. Chairman—John Plunkett; Vice Chairman—Russ Hanson; Secretary—Sandra Wilkinson

### **SMYRNA SACRED HARP SINGING (1991 EDITION) Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church, Goodwater, Alabama**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

The annual Sacred Harp Singing at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church was held on the third Sunday in September. Jack Nelson brought the class together by leading the song on page 480.

A business session was held with the following officers elected: Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-chairman—Robby Anderson; Secretary—Wendy Anderson.

Leaders: Chris Nicholson 34b, 313b; Daniel Williams 68b, 229; Bert Collins 35, 300; Glenda Collins 81t, 124; Stanley Smith 523, 82t; Robert Chambliss 454, 503; Judy Chambliss 454, 318.

#### **RECESS**

Jack Nelson led 228 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Winfred Kerr 516, 517; Roy Nelson 30b, 31b; Ken Milner 500, 146; Robby Anderson and Wendy Anderson 196, 114, 98; The memorial lesson was conducted by Stanley Smith. He made comments and led 490 and 569b. The memorial service was closed with prayer offered by Elder Ken Milner.

#### **LUNCH**

Jack Nelson began the afternoon session by leading 460. Leaders: Chris Nicholson 348b; Daniel Williams 138b; Bert Collins 345b; Glenda Collins 335, 45t; Robert Chambliss 225t; Winfred Kerr 36b; Roy Nelson 39b; Wendy Anderson 358.

Jack Nelson led 46 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Daniel Williams, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jack Nelson; Co-chairman—Robby Anderson; Secretary—Wendy Anderson

### **JOHN AND LORAINE BAYER MEMORIAL SINGING (1991 EDITION)**

**Bear Creek Meeting House, New Lebanon, Ohio**

**Sunday, September 27, 2025**

The 7th annual John and Loraine Bayer Memorial Singing was held at Bear Creek Old German Baptist Brethren Meeting House. Song selections were sung from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*, as well as a book of John Bayer's compositions, *The Dayton Harmony*, noted as DH, and the *Missouri Harmony*, noted as MH.

The Chairman called the class to order, welcomed all in attendance, and thanked the hosting congregation. The morning prayer was offered by David Casenhiser.

Leaders: Shaun Fenton 183; Mary Donnellan 282; Keith Yutzy 122; Sarah Ward 515; Clara Herr 106; Greg Howard 567; Karen Alnelt 269; Sarah Lynne Gershon 13 (DH); Ruben Beery 171; Prisca Rice 182; A.J. Higgins 141; Greg Creech 33b; Claudia Baldwin 95; Keith Seidel 448b; Jim Herr 76b; Adrian Eldridge 448t; Shannon Tibbs 334; Liam Allgood 360; Jaima Filbrun 178.

#### **RECESS**

Prisca Rice conducted the memorial lesson for the deceased remembering Tom Jurgensen—Colorado; Carol Patterson—Ohio; Brian Thompson and Pauline Oliver—Alabama. She then remembered the sick and shut-ins which were Sue Duff,

Lisa Alwin and her family, Joy Ayers and Rodney Bean. She led with 480. Greg Creech shared memories of John and Loraine Bayer and closed the memorial service with prayer.

Leaders: Jim Herr 285t; Beth Garfield 91; John Filbrun 294. David Casenhiser dismissed the class for lunch leading 164 (MH).

#### LUNCH

The Chairman called the class back to order leading 27. Leaders: Thomas Koehnline 112; Tim Binkley 335; Sue Duff 276; Jubal Bayer 2 (DH); Bertha Buttner 29 (DH); Sheila Patterson 82t; Hans Bayer 300; Susan Zurcher 535; Tim Morton 15 (DH); David Casenhiser 99; Shaun Fenton 543; Sarah Lynne Gershon 8 (DH); Ray Rechenberg 5 (DH); Liam Allgood 209; Karen Alnelt 149.

#### RECESS

The Chairman called the class back to order leading 176b. Leaders: Roger Crabtree 304; Greg Howard 268; Bobette Olson 159; Beth Garfield 504; Thomas Koehnline 254; Jubal Bayer 19t (DH); Hans Bayer 27 (DH); Keith Yutzy 503; Sarah Ward 454; Prisca Rice 500; Keith Seidel 80t; Adrian Eldridge 203; Shannon Tibbs 86; Tim Morton 217; Greg Creech 350; A.J. Higgins 338. Announcements were made. The class sang 347 while taking the parting hand. Jim Herr offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Jim Herr; Secretary—Bertha Buttner

### **ALABAMA STATE CHRISTIAN HARMONY CONVENTION**

**Old County Line Church, Warrior, Alabama**

**September 27-28, 2025**

**Saturday, September 27**

The Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention was held on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in September. The class was called to order by Ken Tate leading 31t. Jeff James offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Ken Tate 19, 339; Darlene Reynolds 91, 188, 142; John Plunkett 27t, 75b, 67b; Tom Booth and Linda Booth 85, 326 (for Stefani Priskos), 432b; Brenda Chafin 149, 346.255.

#### RECESS

Ken Tate called the class back to order by leading 338t. Leaders: Judy Caudle 258, 264 (for Wanda Capps), 76b; Tim Gregg 67t, 501, 250 (for Nicholas Thompson and the Hollingsworth family); Regina Derstine 43, 208b, 150; Yancey Jett 281b, 307, 354; Doug Cantrell 109, 289; Beth Branscome 66t, 280, 413b.

#### LUNCH

Yancey Jett led 338b to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Cassie Allen 63b (for Nicholas Thompson), 74 (for Stefani Priskos), 105t; Jeff James 50, 51, 170; Danny Creel 493b, 543, 54; Linda Booth 504; Ann Jett 123, 131, 96; Nicholas Thompson 93, 316, 364, 117 (in memory of Earnie Jett); Cindy Tanner 64, 168b; Tim Gregg 384 (by request).

Cassie Allen, Ainslie Allen, and Ken Tate led 23b as the closing song. Jeff James offered the closing prayer.

**Sunday, September 28**

The Sunday session of the Alabama State *Christian Harmony* Convention began with Ken Tate leading 455. Jeff James offered the morning prayer.

In a business meeting, the following officers were retained: Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary and Arranging—Cindy Tanner.

Leaders: Ken Tate 234; Stanley Smith 235, 247 (in memory of Ola Meadows); Henry McGuire 372b, 133, 111b; Mary Amelia Taylor 63t, 312, 214; Kaitlyn Bailey 362, 54, 23b; Jane Cannon 26t, 288, 361.

#### RECESS

Danny Creel led 322 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jeff James 468t, 548, 490; Tim Gregg 143, 24t, 68; Yancey Jett 355, 238; Yancey Jett and Cassie Allen 287; Cassie Allen 57, 81b, 276; Ann Jett 180, 281t, 256b; Danny Creel 1, 203.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Cassie Allen leading 176 (by request). Leaders: Danny Creel 186; Cindy Tanner 342, 43, 167b; Ken Tate 320, 166; Stanley Smith 308, 138; Henry McGuire 394; Mary Amelia Taylor 189; Kaitlyn Bailey 432b; Jane Cannon 316, 365; Tim Gregg 162; Jeff James 172; Ann Jett 149; Cassie Allen 336, 332 (in memory of Velton Chafin).

Ken Tate led 121t as the closing song. Jeff James dismissed the class with prayer. Chairman—Ken Tate; Vice Chairman—Danny Creel; Secretary—Cindy Tanner

### **MINNESOTA STATE SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (2025 EDITION)**

**Saint Paul, Minnesota and Shakopee, Minnesota**

**September 27-28, 2025**

**Saturday, September 27**

The first day of the 35th annual Minnesota State Sacred Harp Singing Convention met at Olivet Congregational Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September. The class was called to order by chairs Denise Kania, Angie Payne, and Matt Wells leading 52t. Jim Pfau offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Suz McFate 37b; Cathy Lutz 137; Mike Mullin 538; Val Stoehr 25b; Nancy Koester 56b; Steve Florman 128; Jim Goetz 282; Craig Koester 324; Michael Shewmaker 171; Jeanette Nelson 455; C.J. McFate 112; Stacey Berkheimer 40; John Schley 503; Gordon Olsen 163b; Kat Kohorst 575; Paul Wyatt 53; John Stevens 155.

#### RECESS

Tamara Harris led 47t to bring the class together. Leaders: Christine Stevens 280; Jim Solheim “Now Take Your Golden Lyres”; Haley Walsh 508; Erik McDonald 107; Hans Guttman 448b; Bridge Hill Kennedy 566; Paul Landskroener 357; Eileen Ferguson 479; Eleanor Haase 352; Midge Olsen 198; Eleanor Glewwe 89; Barb Patterson 115; Denise Kania 474; Sam Tiratto 438; Michael Moore 525.

#### RECESS

Will Gilman led 410t to bring the class together. Leaders: Jim Pfau 274t; Claudia Egelhoff 507; Ben Copenhaver 471; Jacob Lindler 212; Leslie Williamson White 209; Kit Canright 82t; Steve T. Schmidgall 461; Natalie Jablonski 349; Martha Henderson 338. In a very brief business meeting the Convention voted to defer the convention business meeting to Sunday, October 19. Stacey Berkheimer asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

Alissa Eiesland led 111t to bring the class back together. Leaders: John Wiens 567; Sophia Schinske 568; Jacob Kiakahi 476; Miriam Delirium 544; Cecilia Kramer 484t; Anna Pfau Clark 355; Bob Schinske 483; Jenny Solheim 524; Steven Levine 223; Anne Missavage 514; Inga Buckland 487; AnnaLeigh Kiakahi 334; Noelle Copeland 477; Carol Buche 86; Elise DelMas 532; Carol Crawford 270; Derek Buckland 447; Shana Wenger 400; Tivey 81b.

#### RECESS

John Schley led 178t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Steve Luttinen 255; Shelley Robbins 299; Alec Jenkins-White 142; Will Gilman 421; Angie Payne 148; Alissa Eiesland 347b; Matt Wells 456; Bridge Hill Kennedy 411; Jacob Lindler 431; Paul Landskroener 481; Alexa Copeland 370; Miriam Delirium 371; Bob Schinske 546; Jim Solheim and Jenny Solheim 258; Eileen Ferguson 547; Eleanor Glewwe 133. Angie Payne and Matt Wells led 472 as the closing song. Kit Canright offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

## Sunday, September 28

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 Angie Payne and Matt Wells leading 34b. Steve Florman offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Denise Kania 171; Erik McDonald 36b; Kit Canright 48t; Theresa Kasperick-Postellon 178t; Steve Florman 164; Cassie Lang 335; Michael Shewmaker 84; Aubrey Hemminger 276; Mike Mullin 475; Val Stoehr 515; Hans Guttmann 480; Rochelle Lodder 78; Angie Payne 469; Gordon Olsen 277; C.J. McFate 95; Michael Moore 218; Carol Crawford 424.

### RECESS

Tamara Shewmaker led 70b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jim Goetz 99; Craig Koester 70t; Midge Olsen 454; Logan Thomas 504; Leslie Williamson White 71; Steve Kasperick-Postellon 330b; Steven Schmidgall 130; Steve Luttinen 413; Stephen Parker 32t; Claudia Egelhoff 485; Eleanor Haase 384; Jeannette Nelson 163b; Derek Buckland 108t; Paul Wyatt 464.

### RECESS

Cassie Lang led 39t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Stacey Berkheimer 326; Paul Landskroener 263; Eleanor Glewwe 223.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Mary Ann Saussotte and Steven Levine. Mary Ann read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Kelly Berman, Marian Mitchell, Nancy Henderson, Margaret Thacker, Ed Thacker, Margaret Keeton, Nate Green, Ginnie Ely, Lisa Grayson, Ted Johnson, Louis Hughes, Sr., Carl Lipke, Dan Baade, Colleen Baade, Mark Price, Shelby Conditt, Francisco Millan, Cäcilia Mann, Kelly Kennedy, and Karen Swenson. Mary Ann led 66 for the sick and shut-ins.

Steven read the following list of names of the deceased: Frank Fong, Buell Cobb, Mike Hinton, Bryan Thompson, Lucy Heidorn, Virginia Futral, Lee Carlson, Joann Carlson, Georgia Hagerty, Brian Hagerty, Glenn Olsen, Teresa Bethune, Johanna Fabke, Hank Schutz, Jeff Bell, Alfred Saussotte, Judy Morrell, Phil Perrin, Howard Glewwe, Jerry Lang, Edna Pauly, Melissa Hortman, Mark Hortman, Students of Annunciation School, Steve Pelissier, Rob Mahoney, Steve Biggs, Emily Folksmith, and Kemal Sazel. Steven led 313b in their memory. Ben Copenhaver closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Tamara Shewmaker 402; Elise DelMas 162; Mike Mullin 374. Suz McFate asked a blessing before the noon meal.

### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Hannah Lutz leading 368. Leaders: Anna Pfau Clark 500; Sam Tiratto 459; Sophia Schinske 294; Jim Pfau 169; Matt Wells and Lara Andersen 318; Ben Copenhaver 242; Bridge Hill Kennedy 168; Anne Missavage 236; Suz McFate 290; Bob Schinske 426b; El 29t; Jacob Lindler 131t; Miriam Delirium 131b; Inga Buckland 381; Haley Walsh 448t; Martha Henderson 396; Jim Crawford 260; Tamara Shewmaker, Michael Shewmaker, and Louise Shewmaker 503; Jenny Solheim 562.

### RECESS

Mike Mullin led 374 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Ben Copenhaver, Stephanie Copenhaver, and Eli Copenhaver 146; Barb Patterson 557; Cecilia Kramer 47b; Cathy Lutz 269; Christine Stevens and John Stevens 432; Natalie Jablonski 181; Carol Buche 467; Mary Ann Saussotte 383; Jim Solheim 524; Eileen Ferguson 344; Inga Buckland and Derek Buckland 193; Bridge Hill Kennedy, Elise DelMas, Miriam Delirium, and Denise Kania 440; Carol Crawford 565t; Paul Landskroener 213b; Aubrey Hemminger 547; Kit Canright 129.

A business meeting was held to hear reports from various committees. The Finance Committee reported that expenses were met. Singings in the next year were announced.

Angie Payne and Matt Wells led 347t as the closing song. Val Stoehr offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairs—Angie Payne, Matt Wells, and Denise Kania; Secretary—Claudia Egelhoff

**POPLAR SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
(1991 EDITION)**

**North of Bowdon, Carroll County, Georgia**

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**

The 8th 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 by leading 60. Daniel and Samuel welcomed everyone. Cecil Roberts offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Daniel Williams 354t; Samuel Williams 569t, 283; Laura Wood 358, 163b (for Jenna Frey); Abigail Cannon 67, 317; Rebekah Gilmore 101t, 32t; Bill DuPre 70t, 70b; Oscar McGuire 515, 573; Winfred Kerr 36b, 225t; Karen Rollins 540, 136; Rodney Ivey 299 (for Deb Morton), 45t; Matt Hinton 276, 33b.

**RECESS**

Daniel Williams brought the class back to order leading 213b. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 56b, 290; Isaac Green 381, 568; Karis Booth 47b, 87; Glenda Collins 566 (in memory of Richard DeLong), 77t; Barbara Brooks 119, 162; Cecil Roberts 491 (for Barbara Brooks), 312b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Bill DuPre. Bill read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Jack Nelson, Henry Johnson, Debra Morton, Joyce Walton, Karleen Williams, Sherry Lovvorn, Philip Gilmore, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Don Bowen, and Jen Turleton. He then read the following names of the deceased: Buell Cobb, Mike Hinton, Virginia Futral, William Futral, Brian Thompson. He led 65 and closed the memorial service with a heartfelt prayer.

Leaders: Wyatt Denney 269 (LD), 122; Nathan Rees 157, 179. Matt Hinton offered prayer to bless the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Samuel Williams leading 201. Leaders: Cheyenne Ivey 88t; Rebekah Gilmore 89; Bill DuPre 176b; Oscar McGuire 177; Winfred Kerr 516; Karen Rollins and Paige Harrod 405; Rodney Ivey and Nathan Rees 313t; Abigail Cannon 400; Isaac Green and Karis Booth 120 (in memory of Philip Denney); Glenda Collins 294 (in memory of Dad-Clyde Simmons); Wyatt Denney 376; Johnny Wright 274t, 146.

A motion was called to move the class into a business session. Officers were elected and the class resolved to meet again next year. The meeting was closed.

Announcements were made.

Daniel Williams and Samuel Williams led 83b as the closing song. Johnny Wright offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Daniel Williams; Vice Chairman—Samuel Williams; Secretary—Laura Wood

**RED BOOK MEMORIAL SINGING (1991 EDITION)**

**Glen Isle Resort, Bailey, Colorado**

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**

A special memorial singing was held to use the red book and sing the songs removed for the 2025 edition one last time. The class was called to order by Sam Ellenberger leading 55.

Leaders: Gabriel Todd 453; Anita Landess 213b; Amandeep Boyer 531; Jan Rogalski 266; David Schmitt 467; Joel Igli 50t; Lizzy Van Blerkom 433; Julia Zaffarano 544; Mike Chaffin 330t; Paul Chamberlain 367; Stephanie Fida 415; Sam Ellenberger 395; Amandeep Boyer 295; Anita Landess 515; Jan Rogalski 51; David Schmitt 468; Joel Igli 334; Lizzy Van Blerkom 545; Julia Zaffarano 308; Mike Chaffin and David Schmitt 524; Paul Chamberlain 263; Gabriel Todd 80t; Sam Ellenberger 487; Anita Landess and Mike Chaffin 242; Stephanie Fida 140; Jan Rogalski 118; David Schmitt and Stephanie Fida 491; Joel Igli, Lizzy Van Blerkom, and Jan Rogalski 323b (with German lyrics by Mary Stanley Bunce Dana) (for German singers).

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Mike Chaffin leading 50b. Leaders: Lizzy Van Blerkom 562; Amandeep Boyer 478; Judy Van Duzer 293; Paul Chamberlain 54; Catherine Van Duzer 471; Sam Ellenberger 541; Mike Chaffin 502; Stephanie Fida 438; Gabriel Todd and Stephanie Fida 231; Catherine Van Duzer 254; Jan Rogalski 41; Joel Igli and Jan Rogalski 223; Lizzy Van Blerkom 451; Judy Van Duzer 461; Paul Chamberlain 355; Catherine Van Duzer and Lizzy Van Blerkom 429; Sam Ellenberger 539; Paul Chamberlain 161; Lizzy Van Blerkom 523. The memorial lesson was conducted by Sam Ellenberger. The class sang 381 as the closing song. Chair—Sam Ellenberger; Vice Chair—Stephanie Fida; Secretaries—David Schmitt and Julia Zaffarano

### **WINSTON COUNTY CONVENTION (1991 EDITION)** **Shady Grove Church, Double Springs, Alabama**

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**

The Winston County Convention was held at Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Double Spring, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday in September. The Class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 144. The morning prayer was offered by Philip Gilmore.

The class was organized by electing or appointing the following officers: Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Roma Rice; Arranging—Lisa Geist.

Leaders: Glenn Keeton 46; Tom Booth 47t, 344; Roma Rice 321, 145t; Philip Gilmore 76b, 73t; Zena Tucker 77t, 147t; Theresa Westmoreland 302, 455; Betty Baccus 391 (in memory of Sandra Spradlin); Mike Hankins 34b, 36b; Nancy Phillips 282, 274t, 276 (for Margaret Keeton); Doug Cantrell 390, 354b.

#### RECESS

Tom Booth called the class back together by leading 171. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 178, 477; Linda Booth 198; Faye Donaldson and Elle Donaldson 225t, 168; Paul Godsey 45t, 323b; Brenda Chafin 179, 399b; Louise Yeager 426b, 503.

#### LUNCH

Glenn Keeton led 159 to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: Greg Allred 452, 72b; Amber Davis 436 (in memory of Ozella Blackmon), 192 (for Nicholas Thompson); Larry Ballinger 157, 158 (for Nicholas Thompson); Glenn Keeton 358, 143; Susan Allred 179, 183. Susan read a poem written by her grandmother, Lougania Fannin. Leaders: Lena Keeton 475, 100; Lisa Geist 528, 492, 53; Chris Ballinger 512; Roma Rich and Theresa Westmoreland 341.

Glenn Keeton led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Greg Allred, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Tom Booth; Secretary—Roma Rice

## ALL ANGELS' AUTUMN SINGING (2025 EDITION)

All Angels' Church, New York, New York

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

The first All Angels' Autumn Singing met at All Angels' Church, on October 1st, 2025. Announcements were made, and newcomers welcomed. The class was called to order by Sam Kleinman leading 37b.

Leaders: Gary Ryan 59; Nancy Mandel 85; Gary Ryan 56b; Evelyn Lamb 357; Neve Jahn 50t; Annie Reynolds 146; Jason Steidl Jack 138t; Aaron Girard 315; David Constine 472; Sam Kleinman 334; David Constine 335; Jon Adler 515; Nancy Mandel 243; Jason Steidl Jack 196; Evelyn Lamb 393; Neve Jahn 534; Jon Adler 96; Leah Weston 192; Sam Dembling 51.

RECESS

Jason Steidl Jack led 569b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Aaron Girard 223; Marlena Ospina 312b; Jason Steidl Jack and Jasmyne Pierre 47b; Sam Kleinman 47t; Jacob Stebly 338; Aaron Girard 302; Sam Dembling 34b; Sebastian Beaghen 32t; Joel Newberger 364; Annie Reynolds 381; Nancy Mandel 81t; Jon Adler 514; Elias Neuman-Donihue 461; Chris Cotter 460; David Constine 61; Jacob Stebly 561; Leah Weston 395; Ian Davis 448t. Nancy Mandel led 575 as the closing song. Jon Adler gave the secretary's report, stating that twenty leaders had led forty songs. The class was dismissed.

Chairman—Sam Kleinman; Secretary—Jon Adler

## ALL BOOK SINGING (2025 EDITION)

Oviedo, Florida

October 3-5, 2025

Friday, October 3

A singing was held at the home of Dean Jens and Rachel Speer in Oviedo, Florida, to sing every song in *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*. Dean Jens led 26 and gave an opening prayer. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 48t, 48b, 49t, 49b; Rachel Speer 30t, 30b, 31t, 31b; David Smead 36t, 36b, 37t, 37b; Maygan Barker 34t, 34b, 35, 39t; Dean Jens 27t, 27b, 28t, 28b.

The class sang birthday wishes to José, led by Calvin Jens on saxophone.

Leaders: José Camacho-Cerna 55, 54, 50b, 42; Lisa Bennett 51, 46, 47t, 47b; Rachel Speer 29t, 29b, 33t, 33b; Dean Jens 32t, 32b, 38t, 38b; Maygan Barker 39b, 40, 41, 43; David Smead 44, 45b, 56t, 56b.

RECESS

Leaders: José Camacho-Cerna 65, 74b, 77t, 79; Maygan Barker 45t, 72b, 61, 59; David Smead 50t, 60, 70b, 80t; Rachel Speer 80b, 81t, 81b, 82t; Lisa Bennett 78, 76t, 76b, 77b; José Camacho-Cerna 71, 68t, 67, 66; Dean Jens 52t, 52b, 53, 68b; David Smead 57, 58, 64, 72t; Maygan Barker 73t, 73b, 74t, 75; Lisa Bennett 63, 62, 69t, 69b; Dean Jens 70t, 82b.

Saturday, October 4

Dean Jens led 95 to call the class together. José Camacho-Cerna offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Rachel Speer 83t, 83b, 84, 85; José Camacho-Cerna 113, 108b, 106, 107; Dorothea Maynard 87, 112, 100, 89; David Smead 101b, 114, 115, 110; Lisa Bennett 88t, 88b, 90, 91; Maygan Barker 86, 92, 93, 94; Dean Jens 111t, 111b, 109, 108t; Rachel Speer 96, 97, 98, 99.

RECESS

Leaders: José Camacho-Cerna 126, 127, 128; Maygan Barker 135, 131t, 129; David Smead 104, 140, 130; Dorothea Maynard 101t, 102, 103; David Smead 118, 119, 121; Rachel Speer 123t, 123b, 124; José Camacho-Cerna 120, 105, 133; Dean Jens 122, 116, 117; Dorothea Maynard 125, 137; José Camacho-Cerna 142, 141, 138t; Lisa Bennett 139, 131b, 132.

## RECESS

Leaders: Maygan Barker 146, 145t, 164; Lisa Bennett 169, 161, 160t; Rachel Speer 134, 136, 138b; José Camacho-Cerna 143, 145b, 147t; Dorothea Maynard 172, 171, 168; David Smead 150, 152, 165; Dean Jens 144, 147b, 148; Lisa Bennett 149, 151, 153; Dorothea Maynard 155, 159, 170; David Smead 158, 154, 157. José Camacho-Cerna asked for a blessing before the meal.

## LUNCH

Leaders: Maygan Barker 162, 185, 178t; José Camacho-Cerna 163t, 163b, 177, 176b; Rachel Speer 176t, 156, 160b, 166; Dean Jens 167, 174, 175, 173; Dorothea Maynard 178b, 179, 182, 183; Lisa Bennett 180, 181, 184, 186.

## RECESS

Leaders: Rachel Speer 187, 188, 189; Maygan Barker 207, 204, 201, 200; David Smead 191, 196, 203; José Camacho-Cerna 197, 195, 192; Dorothea Maynard 193, 198, 208; Dean Jens 202, 205, 206; Lisa Bennett 213t, 213b, 209; Maygan Barker 210, 211, 214; Dorothea Maynard 215, 212, 216. The class adjourned for 3 hours.

## RECESS

Dean Jens led 225t to bring the class back together. José Camacho-Cerna offered a prayer. Leaders: Dean Jens 224, 223; Rachel Speer 222, 220, 219; David Smead 242, 243, 245; Lisa Bennett 217, 218, 225b; José Camacho-Cerna 255, 256, 250; Maygan Barker 236, 240, 244; Dean Jens 227, 257, 254; Rachel Speer 228, 229, 230.

## RECESS

Leaders: David Smead 258, 259, 260; Lisa Bennett 231, 232, 234; José Camacho-Cerna 272, 279, 280; Maygan Barker 282, 284, 277; Dean Jens 235, 267, 285t; Rachel Speer 283, 278t, 278b; David Smead 264, 265, 273; Lisa Bennett 263, 268, 269; José Camacho-Cerna 270, 271b, 271t.

## RECESS

Leaders: Maygan Barker 288, 296, 312b; Dean Jens 266, 276, 275t; Rachel Speer 275b, 274b, 274t; David Smead 293, 292, 304; Lisa Bennett 295, 308, 302; José Camacho-Cerna 306, 311, 285b; Maygan Barker 312t, 287, 286; Dean Jens 300, 290, 291. José Camacho-Cerna asked for a blessing before the evening meal.

## DINNER

Leaders: Rachel Speer 294, 289, 297, 298; David Smead 323b, 321, 320, 301; Lisa Bennett 299, 330b, 330t, 319; José Camacho-Cerna 334, 328, 324, 318; Maygan Barker 337, 338, 317, 336; Dean Jens 310, 313t, 313b, 315; Rachel Speer 314, 303, 309, 316; David Smead 329, 333, 332, 325.

## RECESS

Leaders: Lisa Bennett 347b, 346, 357, 359; José Camacho-Cerna 358, 348t, 348b, 349; Maygan Barker 341, 356, 354t, 355; Dean Jens 327, 326, 351, 352; Rachel Speer 353, 350, 344, 340; David Smead 342, 360, 361, 362; Lisa Bennett 322, 354b, 323t; José Camacho-Cerna 335, 343, 345b; Maygan Barker 345t, 339, 347t. José Camacho-Cerna offered the closing prayer.

## Sunday, October 5

Dean Jens led 378b to bring the class together. José Camacho-Cerna offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Rachel Speer 378t, 379, 399t, 399b; José Camacho-Cerna 398, 396, 388, 364; Lisa Bennett 366, 368, 369, 367; David Smead 395, 397, 381, 371; Maygan Barker 389, 387, 384, 385t; Dean Jens 385b, 386, 377, 370; Rachel Speer 372, 373, 374, 375; José Camacho-Cerna 393, 383, 382, 376.

## RECESS

Leaders: Lisa Bennett 391, 392, 394, 400; David Smead 414t, 409, 416, 380; Maygan Barker 417, 414b, 412, 413; Dean Jens 390, 411, 410t, 410b; Rachel Speer 402, 403, 404, 401; José Camacho-Cerna 405, 419, 408, 407; Lisa Bennett 406, 415, 420t, 418.

## RECESS

Leaders: David Smead 423t, 423b, 428, 429; Maygan Barker 452b, 448t, 430, 433; Dean Jens 440, 441, 438, 439; Rachel Speer 422, 421, 420b, 424; José Camacho-Cerna 425, 426t, 426b, 452t; Lisa Bennett 449, 448b, 450, 451; David Smead 437, 436, 432, 431.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Maygan Barker 457, 458, 463, 456; Dean Jens 454, 455; Rachel Speer 460, 461, 464; José Camacho-Cerna 470, 471, 472; Lisa Bennett 465, 459, 434; David Smead 468, 442, 444; Maygan Barker 445, 467, 466; Dean Jens 462, 475. José Camacho-Cerna asked for a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

Dean Jens led 435 to bring the class back together. Rachel Speer led “Oviedo” (a new composition by Rachel Hall). Leaders: Dean Jens 446, 447, 453; Rachel Speer 474, 495, 500, 498; José Camacho-Cerna 487, 485, 478, 479; Lisa Bennett 513, 469, 501t, 501b; David Smead 507, 494, 488, 489; Maygan Barker 497b, 499b, 499t, 473; Dean Jens 476, 477, 480, 486; Rachel Speer 481, 482, 483, 492; José Camacho-Cerna 491, 484t, 484b, 493.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Lisa Bennett 490, 496, 502, 508; David Smead 516, 518, 544, 545; Maygan Barker 535, 531, 520, 497t; Dean Jens 503, 506, 514, 515; Rachel Speer 505, 504, 511, 512; José Camacho-Cerna 526, 527, 528, 530; Lisa Bennett 517, 521, 522, 523; David Smead 524, 525, 541, 532.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Maygan Barker 510, 537, 540, 546; Dean Jens 536, 534, 538, 539; Rachel Speer 550, 551, 553, 556, 573; Lisa Bennett 542, 543, 547, 548, 549; David Smead 567, 574, 557, 558, 560; José Camacho-Cerna 562, 568, 569t, 569b, 570; Maygan Barker 571, 561, 563, 565t, 565b; Dean Jens 566, 572, 564. After brief announcements of upcoming singings and the resolution to convene another All-Book Singing the next time *The Sacred Harp* is revised, Dean Jens led 575. José Camacho-Cerna offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Dean Jens; Chaplain—José Camacho-Cerna; Secretaries—Dean Jens and Rachel Speer

## NEW ENGLAND SACRED HARP CONVENTION

(2025 EDITION)

Burlington, Vermont

October 3-5, 2025

Friday, October 3

Andy Ditzler and David Brodeur taught a singing school on Sacred Harp etiquette.

Saturday, October 4

The 47th session of the New England Sacred Harp Convention met at the Contois Auditorium in Burlington, Vermont, on the first Sunday and Saturday before in October. The class was called to order by Sage Chase-Dempsey leading 161. The opening prayer was offered by Alec Collins.

Leaders: Anya Skibbie, Rachel Rudi, and Sierra Norford 484t; Dan Coppock, Jim Coppock, Francis Coppock, and Margot Coppock 115; David Rosenberg 49t; George Howe 36b; Margaret Graver 180; Mark Williams 269; Joan Nagy 56b; Scott Luscombe 548; Linda Coppock, Jim Coppock, and Margot Coppock 485; Judy Carpenter and Scott Luscombe 38t; Eric Sandberg 258; Liz Patton 561; Colleen Hayes 148; Larry Bingham 82t; Isabel Linhaires 500.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Luna Van Deusen and Elias Anderson Bunt leading 34b. Leaders: Penny Henzel 171; Sarah Maika 50t; Evan Landon 47t; Paul Gauthier 525; Kit Walsh 478; Laura Hodges and Hazel Hodges 129; Alec Collins

76b; Nicandra Galper 531; Martin Hamilton 110; Marie Brandis 395; Anna Mays and Sarah Maika 475; Jill Clough 159; Molly B. Ellis and Garnet Ellis 51; Sue Dwelle 122; Jeremy Galvagni 130; Lael Birch 423b; Bill Holt 224.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Kate Bergren leading 81t. Leaders: Margaret Youngberg 78; Mike Richards 211; Élizabeth Stoddard 483; Myles Louis Dakan 539; Lily Hammond 516; Ian Quinn 467; Michaela Natal 334; Meredith Ivey 176; Mel Novner 430; Owen Stoddard 242; R. Anuhea Sebstad 278b; William Schuller 223; June Sanders 33b; Micah John Walter 80t; Bruce Randall 276; Everett Ivey 39b; Deidra Montgomery 544; Elea Regembal 487; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 560. The dinner blessing was given by Larry Bingham.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Grant Cook leading 448b. Leaders: Esther Wade 394; Mary Skidmore 255; David Brodeur 295; Angela Ruggiero-Corliess 70b; Derek Buckland 400; Robert Stoddard 219; Elene Stovall 142; Stuart Jackson 347b; Kelsey Ivey 419; Glen Wright 497t; Kerry Cullinan, Emma Schoenberg, Elias Anderson Bunt, and Chlo Martin 474; Tim Eriksen 271t; Anabel Gravel Chabot 153; Karen Rollins 461; Andy Ditzler 541; Lilith Smith 155; Will Harron 460; Jan Geerts 193; Thomas Ivey 493; Jamie Dye and Mel Novner 390; Mak Ékoué 383; Quasar Phoenix 146.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Isabel Linhares and Olivia Olsen leading 445. Leaders: Chris Geissler 488; Ben Sachs-Hamilton 570; Evelyn Lamb 216; Richard Ivey 254; Clara Griffin 504; Sharon Strong 543; Lamar Matthew 35; Leah Velleman 476; Peter Irvine and Anna Maria Irvine 34t; Inga Buckland 359; Jamie Ross 317; Anne Kazlauskas 228; Alex Van Sant 532; Eric Hildebrant 442; Icarus Tyree 268; Madeline Endres 39t; Susan Mampre 163b; Margaret Hughes 463; Indigo Micciche 282; Sylvia Martin 481; Sid Quinsaat 270; Jana Yeaton 480; Noah Mease 45t; Jocelyn Kurtze 538; Sara Sandberg and Juliet McFadden 278b; Philou 367; Em Ekelund 381. The closing prayer was offered by Alec Collins. Sage Chase-Dempsey led 42 as the closing song.

Following the singing, Richard Ivey and Karen Rollins, members of the revision committee, led a short session that covered the timeline of the 2025 revision of the Sacred Harp.

#### Sunday, October 5

The class was called to order by Sage Chase-Dempsey leading 515. Alec Collins offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Anya Skibbie and Rachel Rudi 101t; Elias Anderson Bunt 71; Alec Collins 59; Larry Bingham 178t; Sarah Sandberg 31t; Moriah Keat 86; Dan Coppock, Harriet Hart, Francis Coppock, and Margot Coppock 55; Kerry Cullinan 452t; Anna Mays 169; Chris Geissler 437; Linda Coppock 273; David Rosenberg 425; Penny Henzel and R. Anuhea Sebstad 484t; Margaret Youngberg 88t; Mark Williams 383; Mel Novner 344.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Isabel Linhares leading 47t. Leaders: Myles Louis Dakan 575; Marlena Ospina 548; George Sigut 444; Ian Quinn 280; Esther Wade 506; Mary Skidmore 231; Anna Mays and Sarah Maika 571; Lamar Matthew 156; Anne Kazlauskas 201; Magdalena Zapedowska 189; Stuart Jackson 451; Sylvia Martin 65; Seth Rutledge 472; Jill Clough 378b; Eric Sandberg 514; Molly B. Ellis 371.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Hannah Schoenberg and Deidra Montgomery leading 335. Leaders: Elizabeth Stoddard 569b; Kit Walsh 544; Bill Holt 550; Rosemary Wexler 535; Bruce Randall 327; Colleen Hayes 420t; Derek Buckland 230; Marie Bradis 263; Sid Quinsaat 229; Jeremy Galvagni 567.

Isabel Linhares spoke and led 448b for the following list of sick and shut-ins: Brigitte Humbert, Lorraine and Bennett Hammond, Rebecca Jones, Janet Spongberg, Laszlo Bois, Helene Whittaker, David Bennett, Suzanne Langarla, Samantha Simcoe, Paul Sandefur, Dan Hertzler, Cecil Roberts, Judy Henry, Ed and Margaret Thacker, Joyce Walton, Greta Holbrook, Bobbie Goodell, Pat Callahan, Margaret Keeton, Jenny Wright, Cäcilia Nann, and Charles Donnelly.

Evan Landon conducted the memorial lesson, leading 48t in memory of the following deceased: Rob Eeley, Robert Resnik, Tory Gerard Federa, Eliza Rieglerman, Marc Estrin, Peter Amidon, Regina Troiano, Linda Elbow, Larry Crockett, Carlene Raper, Meredith Holch, and Chris Levey—Vermont; Nancy Tellier, Heather Klein, and MaryLou Pritchett—New York; Pam Luscombe McCarter—Tennessee; Gilissa McKiernan—Minnesota; Mike Hinton—Texas; Kenneth Browne and Ginette Lavoie—Canada; Joanne Cooke and Brailsford Nixon—Maryland; Carl Weisse—Pennsylvania; Buell Cobb, Lucy Heidorn, Julia Poston, Bryan Thompson, and Theresa Bethune—Alabama; Tymek Bieniowski—Poland; Mrs. Annye Anderson—Massachusetts; Coronne Bryant—Maine; Agnes McBride—Nove Scotia; Rob Mahoney and Stephen Biggs—United Kingdom. Leaders: Laura Hodges, Mike Richards, and Hazel Hodges 218; Philippe Doyle-Gosselin 272; Elea Regembal and Chlo Martin 440. The dinner blessing was given by Larry Bingham.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Elias Anderson Bunt, Isabel Linhares, and Marie Brandis leading 82t. Leaders: Ben Sachs-Hamilton 426t; Evelyn Lamb 368; Philou 562; Everett Ivey 421; Em Ekelund 507; Inga Buckland 81b; Liz Patton 208; Jamie Dye and Ben Sachs-Hamilton 340; Peter Irvine 387; Kelsey Ivey 469; Lily Hammond, David Brodeur, and Andy Ditzler 566; Deidra Montgomery 188; Elene Stovall and Richard Ivey 411; Olivia Olsen and Meredith Ivey 47b; Micah John Walter 356; Joan Nagy 49b; Jan Geerts and Constance DesMarais 330b; Michaela Natal 401; George Howe 312b.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Richard Ivey leading 345b. Leaders: Grant Cook 162; Anabel Gravel Chabot 183; Thomas Ivey and Sharon Strong 41; R. Anuhea Sebstad 115; Mike Richards 178b; Jennie Brown 475; Lindsay Wiggins 142; Owen Stoddard 564; William Schuller 57; Nicandra Galper 479; Eric Hildebrant 377; Mak Ekoué 455; Robert Stoddard 501t; Annie-Lou and Felix Chester 268; Eric Beecher and Ray Friedlander 347t; Clara Griffin 38b; Simon Thomas 300; Juliet McFadden 284; Alex Van Sant 542.

A business meeting was held to hear reports and resolutions from the weekend.

Elizabeth Stoddard and Jan Geerts read a resolution adopting the 2025 revision of the Sacred Harp for use by this convention henceforth. Anna Mays reported for the Finance Committee that expenses were met. Anya Skibbie gave the Secretary's report stating that one hundred and forty-four leaders representing twenty states and Canadian provinces and four countries, led one hundred and ninety-seven songs.

Robert Stoddard extended an invitation to the 48th session of the New England Sacred Harp Convention in Maine in 2026.

The closing prayer was offered by Alec Collins. Sage Chase-Dempsey, Autumn Chase-Dempsey, Noah Kass, and Weylin Garnett led 129 as the closing song.

Chairperson—Sage Chase-Dempsey; Secretaries—Sierra Norford, Jill Clough, Addy Herbert, and Harriet Hart

## JOHN C. CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

(1991 EDITION)

### Keith House Community Room, Brasstown, North Carolina

Saturday, October 4, 2025

This special singing was held as part of the John C. Campbell Folk School Fall Festival. At 11:00 a.m., Will Peebles gave a rudiments lesson using *The Christian Harmony*, 2010 Edition. The class was called to order by Will Peebles leading 117 (CH).

Leaders: Bill Hogan 109 (CH); Judy Mincey 61t (CH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 546b (CH); Nancy Hogan 432b (CH); Will Peebles 51 (CH); Bill Hogan 264 (CH); Judy Mincey 50 (CH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 16 (CH); Nancy Hogan 468b (CH); Will Peebles 359 (CH); Bill Hogan 111t (CH); Judy Mincey 280 (CH); Esther Morgan-Ellis 271 (CH); Nancy Hogan 111b (CH); Will Peebles 59 (CH).

#### LUNCH

At 2:00 p.m., Esther Morgan-Ellis gave a rudiments lesson using *The Sacred Harp, 1991 Edition*. The class was called to order by Esther Morgan-Ellis leading 49t.

Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 159; Bill Hogan 128; Brayden Whitley 45t; Judy Mincey 180; Moriah Whitley 107; Will Peebles 332; Bill Hogan 82t; Brayden Whitley 325; Esther Morgan-Ellis 48b; Judy Mincey 501; Moriah Whitley 146; Will Peebles 58; Bill Hogan 277; Brayden Whitley 179; Esther Morgan-Ellis 29b; Judy Mincey 178; Moriah Whitley 268; Will Peebles 117; Bill Hogan 532; Brayden Whitley 135.

Esther Morgan-Ellis led 69t as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairpersons—Will Peebles and Esther Morgan-Ellis; Secretaries—Nancy Hogan and Bill Hogan

## MUNICH SACRED HARP SINGING (1991 EDITION)

### St. Martin Spirituelles Zentrum, Munich, Germany

Saturday, October 4, 2025

The 7th all-day singing in Munich, Germany, was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in October at St. Martin Spirituelles Zentrum. The class was called to order by Peter Kocher leading 34b, who also offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Naomi Kaye Honova 77b; Walburga Ruhl 75; Julia Sievert 430; Baker Wardlaw 171; Maria Neumann-Fraune 203; Barnaby Walters 183; Manuela Engel 481; Laura Eisen 480; Dominik Fraune 29t; Caro Stamm-Reusch 312b; Petra Ertl 282; Juniper Hill 455.

#### RECESS

Caro Stamm-Reusch called the class to order leading 344. Leaders: Rike Fischer 29b; Chloë Spreadborough 411; Franka Sprzagala 370; Erich Neumann and Barnaby Walters 86; Juniper Hill 254; Walburga Ruhl 490; Naomi Kaye Honova 83t; Julia Sievert 352; Sabina Henzelmann and Dominik Fraune 126; Peter Kocher and Naomi Kaye Honova 348t (for Elisabeth Schallwig); Laura Eisen 270; Petra Ertl 224; Caro Stamm-Reusch 564.

#### RECESS

Petra Ertl called the class order leading 133, followed by an announcement by chair, Peter Kocher. Leaders: Baker Wardlaw 47t; Franka Sprzagala 268; Claire Sabel and Laura Eisen 148; Chloë Spreadborough 328; Barnaby Walters 232; Manuela Engel 372; Maria Neumann-Fraune 313b; Dominik Fraune 404; Peter Kocher and Ulli Windmeier 300; Rike Fischer and Maria Neumann-Fraune 448t; Laura Eisen 70t; Naomi Kaye Honova 472; Julia Sievert 71; Juniper Hill 547; Petra Ertl 522; Caro Stamm-Reusch 528. Maria Neumann-Fraune offered a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

Dominik Fraune called the class to order leading 39t. Leaders: Maria Neumann-Fraune 454; Peter Kocher 189; Chloë Spreadborough 510; Petra Ertl 236; Caro Stamm-Reusch 182; Dominik Fraune 228; Laura Eisen 504; Barnaby Walters 269; Naomi Kaye Honova 332; Walburga Ruhl 303; Mara McPartland 198; Baker Wardlaw 448b; Manuela Engel 442; Rike Fischer 74b.

RECESS

Baker Wardlaw and Cooper Thompson called the class to order leading 49t. Leaders: Johanna Vogelsanger 277; Franka Sprzagala 457; Juniper Hill 245; Sabina Henzelmann and Walburga Ruhl 47b; Julia Sievert 353; Mara McPartland 121; Claire Sabel 117; Baker Wardlaw 402; Erich Neumann and Manuela Engel 163b; Barnaby Walters 32b; Maria Neumann-Fraune 37b; Laura Eisen 68b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 531; Petra Ertl 55; Chloë Spreadborough 330b; Peter Kocher 49b (for Tobias Saalman).

Peter Kocher thanked all who helped to make the singing a success. Naomi Kaye Honova gave the Secretary's report stating that thirty-four singers representing four different countries sang seventy-seven songs. Sabina Henzelmann gave the Treasurer's report, stating that all expenses were met. Announcements were made. The Munich singers led 347 as the closing song.

Chair—Peter Kocher; Secretary—Naomi Kaye Honova

**SADSBURY COOPER BOOK SINGING**  
**Sadsbury Friends Meeting, Gap, Pennsylvania**  
**Saturday, October 4, 2025**

The Sadsbury All-Day *Cooper Book* Singing was held at Sadsbury Friends Meeting, Gap, Pennsylvania, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Connie Webster leading 30t. Doron Henkin offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Laura Densmore 54t; Doron Henkin 411; Barb Hohenstein 55; Guy Bankes 572; Elizabeth Patton 443b; Ben Fink 511t; Joyce Forry 335; Tom Stokes 410; Sue Peters 500; Ted Stokes 286b; Hollie Long 563; Dann Pell 268b; Emily Raffensberger 324; Nancy Tkacs 504t; Katie Browne 463; Jim Griffith 168; Amy Loser and Carrie McCrorie 148.

RECESS

The class was called back together by Joyce Forry leading 348t. Leaders: Jan Robinson 45t; Leon Pulsinelle 378b; Emily Raffensberger, Amy Loser and Carrie McCrorie 334; Connie Webster 31t; Laura Densmore 482; Doron Henkin 567; Leon Pulsinelle 381t; Barb Hohenstien 442b; Guy Bankes 494; Elizabeth Patton 38t; Ben Fink 582; Joyce Forry 449; Tom Stokes 501; Sue Peters 39; Ted Stokes 416t; Hollie Long 392. Doron Henkin gave the blessing before lunch.

LUNCH

Laura Densmore called the class back to order by leading 142. Leaders: Emily Raffensberger 288; Leon Pulsinelle 385b; Dann Pell 380t; Doron Henkin 98; Nancy Tkacs 314; Katie Browne 427; Jim Griffith 49t; Carrie McCrorie 375; Laura Densmore 336t; Connie Webster 269; Ted Stokes 522; Barb Hohenstein 137; Ben Fink 486; Joyce Forry 432; Tom Stokes 393; Sue Peters 63; Guy Bankes 505; Hollie Long 96; Leon Pulsinelle 440b; Emily Raffensberger 108b; Dann Pell 133.

RECESS

Leon Pulsinelle led 442 to bring the class together. Leaders: Doron Henkin 87; Katie Browne 40; Jim Griffith 128; Connie Webster 107; Barb Hohenstein 45b; Ben Fink 386; Joyce Forry 270; Sue Peters 397; Guy Bankes 391; Hollie Long 478; Emily Raffensberger 276; Leon Pulsinelle 146; Doron Henkin 150; Katie Browne 159; Laura Densmore 507b.

Connie Webster, Doron Henkin, Barb Hohenstein, and Laura Densmore led 527 as the closing song. Doron gave the closing prayer, and class was dismissed.  
Chair—Connie Webster; Treasure—Doron Henkin; Secretary—Barb Hohenstein

## **SOUTH GEORGIA SACRED HARP SINGING CONVENTION (2025 EDITION)**

**Roberta Civic Center, Roberta, Georgia  
Saturday, October 4, 2025**

The 106th 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 34b. Elder Chris Robinson gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill DuPre 32t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 31t, 27b; Oscar McGuire 229, 535; Chris Robinson 27t, 29b; Steven Taylor 86, 87; Tor Bejnar 163b, 178t.

### **RECESS**

Shawn Taylor brought the class back to order leading 129. Leaders: Hattie Karlsberg 421; Rose Watson 347b, 503; Sandra Wilkinson 523, 274t; Laura Wood 461, 162.

The class entered into a business session in which the following officers were elected to serve: President—John Plunkett; Vice President—Sheri Taylor; Secretary-Treasurers—Jesse P. Karlsberg and Lauren Bock; Chaplain—Elder Chris Robinson. The new officers' terms begin with the close of the convention. The class approved a resolution congratulating the Revision-Music Committee and the Sacred Harp Publishing Company for the success of the new *Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* and the debut singing held at the United Sacred Harp Musical Association, which was the greatest and largest singing in our lifetime. The class reviewed the list of singings for 2025 and confirmed the list for 2026. Jesse P. Karlsberg presented the Treasurer's Report for 2024-2025, which the class approved. The business session was closed. Leaders: Faye Hollis 155, 340; Sheri Taylor 126, 56b; Carol Hanson 186 (for Elsie Hollingsworth); Shawn Taylor 357, 28b. Chris Robinson offered the blessing before the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

Bill DuPre opened the afternoon session leading 56t. Leaders: Lilly Hooks 354b, 445; Mary Brownlee and John Brownlee 163t, 47b.

Bill DuPre and Oscar McGuire led the memorial lesson. Oscar spoke about Mike Hinton and Buell Cobb, noting Buell's authorship of two books about Sacred Harp singing and recounting a singing at Holly Springs where Buell's treble voice—a sound like a bell—caused the volume meter of a portable tape recorder to stick whenever it hit the loudest position. Oscar also spoke of Mike's service as President of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company and his Denson family's legacy. Bill read the poetry of "The Old Graveyard", noting that we are united in singing and also in death and that we hope to be united again in the heavenly host where we can sing together again. Despite our differences, we have a lot in common, and our shared experience of death can help us understand this. The deceased remembered were Buell Cobb—Alabama; Alice Bejnar—Florida; Mike Hinton—Texas. The sick and shut-ins recognized were John Hollingsworth, Elsie Hollingsworth, Bill Hollingsworth, Angela Hollingsworth, Susan Ford, Jack Nelson, and Henry Johnson. Bill DuPre led 130 and closed the memorial lesson with prayer. Leaders: Jesse P. Karlsberg 570; Steven Taylor 36b; Tor Bejnar 99; Chris Robinson 39t; Laura Wood 45t; Faye Hollis 318; Sheri Taylor 574; Shawn Taylor 437; Oscar McGuire and Barbara McGee 159; Lilly Hooks 569t.

President Bill DuPre took announcements of upcoming singings. Rose Watson and Lilly Hooks led 347t as the closing song as the class took the parting hand. Chris Robinson gave the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

President—John Plunkett; Vice President—Sheri Taylor; Secretary-Treasurers—Jesse P. Karlberg and Lauren Bock

## **BOB MEEK MEMORIAL CONVENTION (2025 EDITION)**

**Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky**

**October 4-5, 2025**

**Saturday, October 4**

The Ohio Valley Sacred Harp Music Association's Bob Meek Memorial Convention was held at Harrods Creek Historic Baptist Church, Brownsboro, Kentucky.

Saturday song selections were from *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*. The class was called to order by Tim Morton leading 32t. The opening prayer was offered by Jim Herr. Tim Morton introduced Buford Parish, the sexton of Harrods Creek Baptist Church, who welcomed all and gave the history of the historic church building, which was built in 1810.

Leaders: Tim Morton 420t; Bill Hayes 312b; Joel Deckard 313b; Tom Morton 209; Kathy Sweeton 49b; Joy R. Dunn 34b; Doug Trent 68b; Tim Gregg 115; Kelly Toon 318; Randy Webber 236; Ron Pen 455; Keith Seidel 55; Sarah Ward and Teresa Dickson 155; Darrell Lahm 66; Vic Whisman 84.

RECESS

Ray Rechenberg led 40 to bring the class together. Leaders: James Eldridge 402; Katie Huffman 469; Barbara Lehr 56b; Thomas Koehnline 507; Clara Herr 163t; Keith Yutzy and Rhonda Miller 388; Adrian Eldridge 570; Alice Bean 99; Ray Rechenberg 480; Shannon Tibbs 451; John Huffman 51; Jim Herr 544; Jonathon Smith 189; David Carlton 487; Erik Schwab 255; Liz Meitzler Guevara 77t; James Eldridge 95; Erin Fulton 557.

LUNCH

Thomas Koehnline led 76b to bring the class together. Leaders: Sarah Ward 244; Shannon Tibbs 449; Jonathon Smith 67; Adrian Eldridge 198 (in memory of Joan Aldridge); Tim Morton 334; Liz Meitzler Guevara 215; Erik Schwab 315; Jim Herr 182; Thomas Koehnline 472; Michele Cull and Vic Whisman 178t; Tim Gregg 524; David Carlton 467; Ron Pen 146; Ray Rechenberg 105; Clara Herr 106; Erin Fulton 369; Bill Hayes 508 (in memory of Josie Hyde).

RECESS

Tim Morton led 47t to bring the class together. Leaders: Darrell Lahm 142; Randy Webber 150; Melody Luppino 448t; Alice Bean 276; Christian Cunningham 277; Kelly Toon 300; Barbara Lehr 268; Joel Deckard 366; Keith Seidel 214; Doug Trent 495; Randy Webber 496 (by request of Kathy Sweeton); Vic Whisman 547; Joy R. Dunn 457; Tom Morton 566; Michele Cull 475.

Tim Morton led 347t as the closing song. Adrian Eldridge offered the closing prayer.

**Sunday, October 5**

All song selections on Sunday were from the B.F. White Sacred Harp (Cooper Revision), 2012 edition. Tim Morton brought the class to order by leading 266t (CB). Adrian Eldridge offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Tim Morton 30t (CB); Erin Fulton 504t (CB) (in honor of Laura Densmore), 380t (CB); Ray Rechenberg 133t (CB), 140 (CB); Tom Morton 314 (CB), 132 (CB); Kelly Toon and Phillip Dunnagan 587 (CB), 168 (CB); Vic Whisman 505 (CB), 71 (CB); Barbara Lehr 268t (CB); Barbara Lehr and Adrian Eldridge 511t (CB); Joy R. Dunn 146 (CB), 31t (CB); Adrian Eldridge 515 (CB), 41 (CB); Darrell Lahm 451 (CB), 449 (CB).

RECESS

Tim Morton returned the class to order by leading 49t (CB). Leaders: Alice Bean 68t (CB), 207b (CB); Tim Gregg 559 (CB), 80 (CB); Kelly Toon and Phillip Dunnagan 427 (CB), 47b (CB) (by request of Kathy Sweeton); Liz Meitzler Guevara 39 (CB), 573 (CB).

Erin Fulton offered a lesson on behalf of our absent friends, expressing gratitude that the format of our singings includes ways to take care of one another and be taken care of. The class reported the following people to be sick or shut-in: Cindy Tanner, Mark Graber, Sheila Chitwood, Matthew Hofferth, Pat Waggener, Brenda Waters, Tom Waggener, Sue Duff, Ed Walton, and David Booher.

The class reported the following people to have died: Buell Cobb and Pauline Oliver—Alabama; Tom Jurgensen—Colorado; James “Jimmie” Abingdon and Grady Wade Denney Burgess—Georgia; B.C. “Butch” Morton—Indiana; Corrone Bryant—Maine and Florida; Phil Perrin—North Carolina; Mike Hinton—Texas; Kris Baker and Siena Woestenborg—Washington. Erin Fulton led 583 (CB), and offered a prayer in honor of these absent friends. Ray Rechenberg led 138t (CB). Adrian Eldridge offered a grace over the meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Tim Morton leading 111t (CB). Leaders: Erin Fulton 243t (CB), 271b (CB); Liz Meitzler Guevara 100 (CB), 96 (CB); Tim Morton 184b (CB), 137 (CB); Alice Bean 162 (CB), 547 (CB); Adrian Eldridge 273 (CB), 380b (CB); Michele Cull 38t (CB), 393 (CB); Tim Gregg 465 (CB) (in memory of Coy Ivey), 55 (CB).

#### RECESS

The class was called back together by Tim Morton leading 348t (CB). Leaders: Bill Hayes 367 (CB), 274t (CB); Christian Cunningham 183 (CB), 392 (CB); Kelly Toon, Phillip Dunnagan, and Christa Dunnagan 159 (CB); Barbara Lehr and Adrian Eldridge 46 (CB), 45t (CB); Darrell Lahm 38b (CB), 122 (CB); Joy R. Dunn 341 (CB), 274t (CB).

Tim Morton led 62 (CB) as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Adrian Eldridge, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Tim Morton; Secretary/Treasurer—Bill Hayes

### **NEW MEXICO SACRED HARP CONVENTION (2025 EDITION)**

**Montezuma Lodge, Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**October 4-5, 2025**

**Saturday, October 4**

The inaugural session of the New Mexico Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Montezuma Lodge of Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the second Sunday and Saturday before in October. The class was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday by Leslie Alperin, former chair of the Rocky Mountain Convention-New Mexico Session, leading 350. Claire Singleton offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve: Chair—Irene Gilb; Vice Chair—Peggy Morrison; Treasurer—Vic Wiener; Secretary—Porter Lontz-Underhill; Arranger—Harlan Van Camp; Chaplain—Claire Singleton. Newly elected Chair Irene Gilb discussed the recently released *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* and thanked revision committee member David Wright for leading a new-song singing school the previous evening at Open Circle Church in Santa Fe. The business session was then closed.

Leaders: Irene Gilb 539; Porter Lontz-Underhill 77t; Vic Wiener 183; Claire Singleton 39t; Marj Mullany 171; David McPherson 300; Peggy Morrison 448t; Kaia Wing 142; Mitchell Gustin 413; Kit French 268; Donna Sewell 63; Liz Bryant 55; Nancy Nortz 163b; John Sandstrom 146; Eric Metzler 505.

#### RECESS

Anton Popov called the class back to order leading 59. Leaders: Janet Morgan 480; Stephanie Fida 570; Tamara Wallace 70b; Jordan Langehennig 373; Julia Zaffarano 215; Teresa Davis 484t; Leslie Alperin 472; Will Sims 313t; Elise Englert 203; Leah Coffin 130; David Schmitt 516; Janet Plattner 147b; Elizabeth Poss 101t; Lizzy Van Blerkom 320; Riley Mullany 159.

#### RECESS

David Olson called the class back to order leading 141. Leaders: Sam Thomas 49b; Thom Fahrbach 562; Maddy Mullany 111t. Jeff Kellem led 381 and was then joined by the Sparkle Committee and presented with a bespoke tote bag decorated with shape notes in the Collins typeface that he designed for the new edition of *The Sacred Harp*.

Leaders: Gail Doss 547; Meg Quinlisk 344; Erika Roush 228; Mike Rasmussen 334; Mia Alvarado 512; Julie Swarstad Johnson 474; Joel Igli 371. Claire Singleton offered a blessing before the noontime meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Porter Lontz-Underhill leading 170. Leaders: Leigh Cooper 409; Abbie Sorg 223; Jeff McLeod 441 (for imprisoned SH singer Logan Hollarsmith); Paul Landskroener 357; Anders Fahey 31t. Treasurer Vic Wiener was called to speak: "While Mercy's Free, putting on a convention is not. Unfortunately, we do not live on Silver Street or own Golden Gardens. So I am here raising money The Good Old Way. There are helpers who will be passing around donation boxes... While we can Struggle On, your Loving-Kindness and generosity make our Present Joys possible and secure the Sweet Prospect of me not asking for money again tomorrow. All Is Well if we can pay our bills. So it's with a Thankful Heart that I say, Let Us Sing 393". Leaders: Judy Van Duzer 182; David Olson 288; Levi Newell with Anton Popov 487; Jan Rogalski 276; Hannah Thompson 504; Erika Mason 68b; Ellen Ray 461; Mike Chaffin 571; Paul Chamberlain 195; Phillip Langley 542; Brian McKee 84; Emily Gammel and Julie Swarstad Johnson 478; Sam Ellenberger 27b.

#### RECESS

The last session of the day was called to order by Marj Mullany leading 40. Leaders: David Wright 395; Fred Wilkey 501b; Anita Landess 137; Jean Merritt and Erica Roush 168; Dorothy Mitchell 515; AnnaLinden Weller 47b; Anne Pearman and Irene Gilb 524; Ryan Kulas and Porter Lontz-Underhill 34b; Kristine Ramirez and Mitchell Gustin 235; Paul Lilley 139; David McPherson 282; Eric Metzler 179; Kaia Wing 330b; Jeff McLeod 124; Elizabeth Poss 51; Riley Mullany 290; Julie Swarstad Johnson 207.

Irene Gilb brought the singing to a close for the day leading 479. Claire Singleton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

### Sunday, October 5

The Sunday session of the New Mexico Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Irene Gilb leading 178b. Claire Singleton offered a prayer. Leaders: Vic Wiener 161; Marj Mullany 549; Peggy Morrison 148; Teresa Davis 49b; Donna Sewell 171; Nancy Nortz 117; Jan Rogalski 133; Will Sims 38b; Eric Metzler 231; Janet Morgan 76b; Vincent Accardi 299; Norah Harris and Vincent Accardi with Mitchell Gustin 299; Tamara Wallace 128.

#### RECESS

Mitchell Gustin called the class back to order leading 309. Leaders: Daniel Tyler and Mitchell Gustin 27b; Jodie Streit 168; Irene Gilb 236; Claire Singleton 484b; David Schmitt 378t; John Sandstrom 268; Mia Alvarado 352; Leslie Alperin 198; Liz Bryant 41; Julia Zaffarano 385b; Elise Englert 455; Leah Coffin 258; Janet Plattner 119; David Olson 100.

#### RECESS

Kaia Wing brought the class back to order leading 56b. Leaders: Lizzy Van Blerkom 447; Porter Lontz-Underhill 288 (in memory of Peter Amidon who passed away the previous afternoon); Sam Thomas 483; Stephanie Fida 544; Mike Rasmussen 254; Abbie Sorg 217.

The memorial lesson was led by Kim Martinez and Mitchell Gustin. Kim spoke of illness and separation, reading from Psalm 20, and led 86 in honor of the following sick and shut-ins: Lynne Hoyt, Steve Hoyt, Mike Rodger, Lori Hand Rodgers, Eric Morgan, Jim Morgan, Judy Licht, Roxanne Seagraves, Logan Hollarsmith, Michael McKernan, Connor Flanagan, Peter Stenshoel, Ginnie Ely, Don Bowen, Ted Johnson, Emily Casey, Joan Fairey, Michelle Bressler, Kate Fine, Alana Kambury, Peter Abrahamson, Greg Newby, AJ Rodrigues, and Liane Brown.

Mitchell spoke on the loss of friends and family and led 484t in memory of the following deceased: Daniel Davis, Phil Garry, Damon Giovanielli, Sally Gwylan, Phoenix McKay Phippen, Norma Ruptier, Anita Sanders, and Ed Stevens—New Mexico; Buell Cobb, Corbin Rodgers, and Brian Thompson—Alabama; Mike Garrett—Arizona; John Van Duzer—Colorado; Michael Musick—Georgia; Sean Pearman and Suzanne Pearman—Michigan; Jeff Bell—Minnesota; Joanne Tarpley Crotts—North Carolina; Core Pearson—Oregon; Mike Hinton—Texas; Bernard Collard—United Kingdom; Peter Amidon—Vermont; Hank Schutz—Virginia; Jabbara Edwards and Cora Winterberg—Washington; Johanna Fabke—Wisconsin. Leaders: Kaia Wing 115; Thom Fahrbach 367; Paul Landskroener 545. Claire Singleton offered the mealtime prayer.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Erika Roush leading 145t. Leaders: Elizabeth Poss 500; Sam Ellenberger 360; Joel Igli 178t; Catherine Massey 159; David Wright 340; Vic Wiener 499t; Julie Swarstad Johnson 112; Fred Wilkey 99; Ellen Ray 433; Phillip Langley 564; Maddy Mullany 426t; Judy Van Duzer 48t; Mike Chaffin 174; Leigh Cooper 574; Erika Roush 192; Anders Fahey 339; Gail Doss 265.

#### RECESS

David Schmitt brought the final session of the convention to order by leading 457. Leaders: Erika Mason 569b; Ryan Kulas and Porter Lontz-Underhill 155; Laura Thomas 284; Jeff Kellem and Kaia Wing 504; Dorothy Mitchell 384; Paul Lilley 39t; Cathy Van Blerkom 267; Brian McKee 539; Hannah Thompson 270; Jeff McLeod 104; Paul Chamberlain 488; Anita Landess 379; Anton Popov 354b; Elise Englert and Irene Gilb 277; Riley Mullany, Maddy Mullaney, and Marj Mullaney 503. David McPherson concluded the session by leading 146 in memory of Mike Hinton.

A business meeting was called by the Chair to hear reports from the committees. Treasurer Vic Wiener gratefully announced that donations to the convention met and exceeded all convention expenses. Secretary Porter Lontz-Underhill announced the class sang one hundred fifty-nine songs over the weekend, including one hundred forty-seven unique songs and forty-two songs newly added to the 2025 revision, with seventy-eight different leaders and exactly one hundred fifty registered attendees from sixteen states (New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Vermont) plus the countries of Germany and Australia.

The Resolutions Committee was called—Stephanie Fida of Boulder, Janet Plattner of Tucson, and David McPherson of Corrales. David enthusiastically announced that the class would meet again this time next year, the first Sunday and Saturday before in October, 2026. The committee then recognized and thanked the Montezuma Lodge, the Tewa people, the convention officers and committee members, and all those who led, fed, and helped make the convention a resounding success. The class

adopted all resolutions. The business meeting was closed. Announcements were made.

Irene Gilb led 347t as those who wished took the parting hand. Chaplain Claire Singleton offered the closing prayer, dismissing the class with wishes for safe returns home and hopes to sing together soon.

Chair—Irene Gilb; Secretary—Porter Lontz-Underhill

**ALEXANDER, HULLETT, LOWE, BROTHERS, HYATT,  
PUTMAN, AND WOOTTEN MEMORIAL (2025 EDITION)**

**Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, Oneonta, Alabama**

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

The 57th 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 335; Rebekah Gilmore 101t, 32t; Doyle Alexander 36b, 68b; Paula Henderson 33b, 145b; Judy Caudle 85, 69b; Mike Hankins 34b, 168; Cheyenne Ivey 166, 76b; Emily Strutzman 344, 223; Nicholas Thompson 176t, 436; Rachael Geary 128, 37b; Prisca Rice 469, 177; Tom George 415, 219; Samuel Williams 404, 321.

RECESS

Terry Hullett brought the class back together by leading 276. Leaders: Barrett Patton 188, 438; Cindy Tanner 220, 420t; Reba Dell Windom 208 (for Joyce Walton and Betty Shepherd); Will Fitzgerald 357, 364; Sarah George 204, 514; Jamey Wootten 441, 30b; Grace Gilmore 542, 270; Bill DuPre 31t, 42; Chuck Howell 112, 457; Cassie Allen 169, 51; David Ivey 468, 494.

LUNCH

Rodney Ivey brought the class back together by leading 67. Leaders: Rodney Ivey and Jim Kerner 317; Butch White 547, 77t; Becky Briggs 318, 319; Isaac Green 386, 422; Alex Forsyth 255, 476; Donna Wootten 314; Ricky Beasley 348b, 127; Loyd Ivey 89, 171; Marlin Beasley 336, 61; Shane Wootten and Linda Thomas 131b (in memory of Buell Cobb), 308; Joyce Morton and Loyd Ivey 99; Joyce Morton 155; Philip Gilmore 498, 47b; Rebekah Gilmore 393.

Terry Hullett led 45t as the closing song. Philip Gilmore dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Terry Hullett; Vice Chairman—Nate Green; Secretary—Rebekah Gilmore

**SANTA CRUZ SACRED HARP SINGING (2025 EDITION)**

**Santa Cruz Mounted Posse, Santa Cruz, California**

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

The 8th annual Santa Cruz Sacred Harp All-Day Singing met at the Santa Cruz Mounted Posse on the first Sunday in October. The class was called to order by Nina Berry and Dave Barber leading 34b. Dave Barber offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Emma Candland 209; Connor Maguire and JT Harechmak 45t; Hannah Blair 484b; Carolyn Deacy 472; Mark Godfrey 487; Lindy Groening 211; Linda Selph 78; Mary O'Brien 348t; Conall Barber 201; Jenny Solheim 130; Lizzie Sanders 131t; Paul Hsi 148; Dami Osoba 41.

RECESS

The class was called to order by JT Harechmak leading 149. Leaders: Hannah Blair 384; Kate Fortin 440; Pat Coghlan 492; Wren Hyde 338; Janet Herman 255; Joseph Coghlan 120; Nina Berry 31t; Lydia LaRoux 183; Ruth McGurk 531; Dave Barber 258; Emma Candland 421; Connor Maguire and JT Harechmak 448t; Hannah Blair

383; Carolyn Deacy 524; Mark Godfrey 213b; Lindy Groening 367; Linda Selph 556; Mary O'Brien 385b; Conall Barber 357; Jenny Solheim 544; Lizzie Sanders 256. Dave Barber offered the blessing for the dinner on the grounds.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Kate Fortin leading 73t. Leaders: Paul Hsi "Bring the Songbook"; JT Harechmak 234; Dami Osoba 115; Patrick Teverbaugh 410t; Peter Ross 99; Katie Fortin 570; Pat Coghlan 214; Wren Hyde 437; Janet Herman 442; Joseph Coghlan 49t; Nina Berry 162; Lydia LaRoux 461; Ruth McGurk 271t; Dave Barber 513; Emma Candland 131b; Connor Maguire and JT Harechmak 313b; Hannah Blair 318; Carolyn Deacy 485; Mark Godfrey 334; Lindy Groening 56b; Linda Selph 217; Mary O'Brien 82t.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Wren Hyde leading 72b. Leaders: Conall Barber 106; Jenny Solheim 223; Lizzie Sanders 227; JT Harechmak 423b; Dami Osoba 83t; Patrick Teverbaugh 47t; Peter Ross 344; Kate Fortin 142; Wren Hyde 440; Janet Herman 200; Lydia LaRoux 270; Dave Barber 460; Emma Candland 100; Connor Maguire and JT Harechmak 95; Hannah Blair 503; Celestine Ratsch-Rivera 480; Carolyn Deacy 77t; Mark Godfrey 81b; Lindy Groening 395; Nina Berry 317.

A business meeting was held in order to hear reports. Kelly Archer reported expenses were met. Ruth McGurk gave the Secretary's report stating that seventy-one leaders led eighty-one songs. Nina Berry reported that the Santa Cruz Sacred Harp All-Day Singing would meet again for the 9th session on the first Saturday or Sunday of October in 2026, location to be determined. Nina Berry thanked Bay Area Sacred Harp for sponsoring and collaborating on the event. She also thanked Janet Herman and Conall Barber for arranging, Ruth McGurk for acting as Secretary, Kelly Archer for acting as Treasurer, Kelly Archer and Susan Willats for registering singers at the event, and Sarah McGillivray for acting as Food and Beverage Chair.

Nina Berry led the closing prayer. Lindy Groening led 62 as the closing song, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Nina Berry; Secretary—Ruth McGurk

### DULUTH SHAPE NOTE (2025 EDITION)

Duluth, Minnesota

Saturday, October 11, 2025

The Duluth Shape Note All-Day Singing met at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth on the second Saturday in October. The class was called to order by Logan Thomas and John Bankson leading 46. Bonnie Ambrosi offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Sophia Schinske 31b; Bonnie Ambrosi 448b; Leslie Williamson White 47b; Hannah Lutz 112; Stacey Berkheimer 207; Nathan Berry 323b; Jeanette Nelson 503; Shana Wenger 107; Cathy Lutz 215; Karen Swenson 556; Cassie Lang 274t; Paul Wyatt 276; Matt Wells 484t; Angie Payne 31t; Noelle Copeland 318; Suzanne McFate 319.

#### RECESS

Logan Thomas led 39t to bring the class together. Leaders: Steve Luttinen 38b; Dick Patterson 78; John Bankson 84; Elise delMas 145t; C.J. McFate 159; John Stevens 155; Steven T. Schmidgall 130; Barb Patterson 531; Hans Guttman 37b; John Weins 326; Eleanor Haase 142; Leslie Williamson White 413; Cassie Lang 350; Cathy Lutz 464; Christine Stevens 277; Stacey Berkheimer 485; Karen Swenson 351.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Dick Patterson leading 82t. Leaders: Bonnie Ambrosi 72b; Paul Wyatt 575; Jeanette Nelson 547; Nathan Berry 255; Hannah Lutz 368; Matt Wells 500; John Bankson 269; Suzanne McFate 176t; Shana Wenger 436

(for Matt Wells' birthday); Hannah Peterson 68b. Bonnie Ambrosi asked a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Sophia Schinske leading 426b. Leaders: Logan Thomas 344; Stacey Berkheimer 440; Angie Payne 421; Dick Patterson 188; Eleanor Maase 384; CJ McFate 224; Steve Luttinen 334; Barb Patterson 244; Steven T. Schmidgall 461; John Weins 551; Elise Delmas 254; John Stevens 178t; Hans Guttman 544; Noelle Copeland 236; Matt Wells 483; Suzanne McFate 111b; Leslie Williamson-White 452b.

#### RECESS

The class was brought back to order by CJ McFate leading 95. Leaders: Christine Stevens 542; Cathy Lutz 99; Shana Wenger 378b; Karen Swenson 501b; Hannah Lutz 168; Jeanette Nelson 504; Paul Wyatt 128; Nathan Berry 41; John Bankson 410t; Bonnie Ambrosi 29t; CJ McFate 117; Logan Thomas 497t; Stacey Berkheimer 227; Steven T. Schmidgall 496; Eleanor Haase 352; Barb Patterson 574; Steve Luttinen 357; Angie Payne 76b; Dick Patterson 228.

Logan Thomas and John Bankson thanked all of those who helped put on the convention, and then led 549 as the closing song. Bonnie Ambrosi offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Co-chairmen—Logan Thomas and John Bankson; Secretaries—Karen Swenson and Stacey Berkheimer

### **TAYLOR SINGING (1991 EDITION)**

**Lafayette County, Mississippi**

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

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 songs on page 31b and 73b. Bob Lence offered the morning prayer.

Unless otherwise specified, all selections are from the 1991 edition. Leaders: Bob Lence 155, 84, 479; John Simmons 146, 117, 311; Mark Davis 441, 209, 28b; Anne Steel 61, 318, 348b; Andy Davis 297, 299, 47b; Curtis Gregory 119, 288, 341.

#### RECESS

Warren Steel reassembled the class by leading 135. Leaders: Chuck Howell 63, 32t, 269; Logan Green 425, 203, 217; Susan Wood 111t, 47t; Matt Bell 424, 451, 187; Warren Steel 273.

#### LUNCH

Warren Steel called the class together leading the song on page 459 (2025). Leaders: Matt Bell 491 (2025); Logan Green 137 (2025); Mark Davis 544 (2025), 545 (2025); Warren Steel 467 (2025); Anne Steel 129 (2025); Chuck Howell 115 (2025); Bob Lence 86 (2025); John Simmons 87 (2025); Andy Davis 455 (2025); Matt Bell 308 (2025); Logan Green 179 (2025), 178b (2025); Bob Lence 178t (2025); Mark Davis 236 (2025). Following announcements, Warren Steel led 235 (2025) as the closing song. Matt Bell dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Warren Steel; Secretary—Anne Steel

### **VALDOSTA SINGING (2025 EDITION)**

**Union “Burnt” Church, Lakeland, Georgia**

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

The 2nd session of the Valdosta All-Day Singing met at the Lanier County Union “Burnt” Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. The class was called to order by José Camacho-Cerna leading 55. John Crowley offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: José Camacho-Cerna 32t; Kevin Juarez 159; Will Johnson 63; Maygan Barker 135; Gail Doss 107; Judy Mincey 50b; Shawn Taylor 523; Nathan Calvert 244; Vik Slen 66; Andy Ditzler 50t; David Brodeur 460; Morgan Bunch 544; Rachel Speer 256; Dorothea Maynard 442; Jane Cannon 484t; Shannon Primm 83t; Basil Blake 192.

#### RECESS

José Camacho-Cerna led 105 to bring the class together. Recognition for the Eagle Scouts' work on the church's renovation followed the call-back song. Leaders: Erick Rubio and José Camacho-Cerna 47t; Danarieza Villa 126; Anna Strickland 29t; Beverly Dayton 452t; Will Johnson 163b; Maygan Barker 45t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by John Crowley. John, as the last living member and clerk of the Union "Burnt" Church, read the church constitution, established on October 1, 1825. The following names were on the sick and shut-ins list: John Hollingsworth, Elsie Hollingsworth, Steve Taylor, Jody Calvert, Anna Maria Schaer, and David Boyd. The following names were on the memorial of the deceased list: Raymond Hickox, Alice Morrill Bejnar, W.N. Redding, Esther Redding, J.G. Crowley, Lillian Crowley, Cathy Newsome Douglas, Mike Hinton, and Buell Cobb. José Camacho-Cerna led 381 to close out the memorial lesson. Kevin Juarez led 457. Leaders: Gail Doss 222; Judy Mincey 223; Shawn Taylor 118; Nathan Calvert 417; Vik Slen 479; Andy Ditzler 476; David Brodeur 94; Morgan Bunch 503; Rachel Speer 255; Dorothea Maynard and José Camacho-Cerna 487; Jane Cannon 546; Shannon Primm 99; Basil Blake 547; Anna Strickland 311; Beverly Dayton 504; Danarieza Villa 300; Erick Rubio and José Camacho-Cerna 106; José Camacho-Cerna 318. John Crowley asked a blessing before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Kevin Juarez leading 354b. Leaders: Danarieza Villa 203; Beverly Dayton 49t; Jane Cannon 515; Shawn Taylor 41; Rachel Speer 367; David Brodeur 197; Gail Doss and Dorothea Maynard 196; Will Johnson 334; Basil Blake 84; Vik Slen 236; Anna Strickland 274t; Maygan Barker 128; Dorothea Maynard 478; Nathan Calvert 171; Shannon Primm 497b; Andy Ditzler 78; Judy Mincey 561; Morgan Bunch 500; Erick Rubio 122.

#### RECESS

Rachel Speer led 81t to bring the class together for the final session. Leaders: Andy Ditzler 256; Dorothea Maynard and Andy Ditzler 516; Basil Blake 472; Shannon Primm 112; Shawn Taylor 27b; Jane Cannon 64; Vik Slen 95; Rachel Speer 528 (for Beverly Dayton); David Brodeur 534; Morgan Bunch and Marja Millard 420t; Maygan Barker 452b; Judy Mincey 502; Will Johnson 312b; Gail Doss and Jeronimo Rico 191; Nathan Calvert 43; Kevin Juarez 30t. Announcements were made. Co-chair Kevin Juarez gave the secretary's report stating that twenty-one leaders representing three states led eighty-three songs with a crowd of fifty-six attendees. José Camacho-Cerna led 62 as the closing song. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by John Crowley.

Chair—José Camacho-Cerna; Vice Chair—Kevin Juarez

### WINSTON-SALEM CONVENTION (1991 EDITION)

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

October 11-12, 2025

Saturday, October 11

The second annual Winston-Salem Convention convened on Saturday before the second Sunday in October at the Fries Moravian Memorial Church. The class was called to order by Corinne Serfass leading 31t. John Stoltz offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Bill Lowry 143; John Calhoun 49b; Margaret Couch and Corinne Serfass 178; Tom Dillon 145b; John Stoltz 225t; Irene Lawrence 455; Jacob Lindler 80t; Kyle Johnston 162; Andrea Angott 472; Andrew Shaw 39t; Rachel Mann 81t; Kathy Kaiser 181; Thomas Begley 171.

RECESS

The class was called back by Meaghan Kachadoorian leading 77b. Leaders: Michael Archer 148; Candace Burch 38b; Jonathan Wood 438; Lynda Hambourger 454; Kevin Slaughter 388; Josh Chandler 111b; Mary Baumeister 279; Kaleb Delk 36b; Elena Conway 284; Meaghan Kachadoorian 76b; Jacob Lindler 308; Jonathan Gaylord 385b; Chris Wilhelm 489; Bridget Jamison 410t; Chris Wolf 82t.

RECESS

Corinne Serfass led 74b to bring the class together. Leaders: John Calhoun 42; John Stoltz 565; Candace Burch 163b; Chris Wolf 26; Meaghan Kachadoorian 365; Mary Baumeister 184; Michael Archer 456; Irene Lawrence 163t; Thomas Begley 340; Rachel Mann 128; Elizabeth Davenport 114; Andrew Shaw 112. Corinne Serfass led Be Present At Our Table, a Moravian table grace, as the dinner blessing, and John Stoltz offered a prayer.

LUNCH

The class reconvened with Bridget Jamison leading 35. Leaders: Lynda Hambourger 242; Elena Conway 267; Tyler Benjamin 436; Kaleb Belk 121; Kathy Kaiser 270; Josh Chandler 503; Andrea Angott 430; Kyle Johnston 490; Chris Wolf 276; Kevin Slaughter 288; Bridget Jamison 448t; Chris Wilhelm 415; Jonathan Wood 331; Elizabeth Davenport 64; Bill Lowry 122; Tom Dillon 254.

RECESS

Thomas Begley led 317 to call the class back. Leaders: Jacob Lindler 400; Corinne Serfass 215; Andrew Shaw 155; Elena Conway 56b; Kyle Johnston 566.

The Memorial Lesson was conducted by John Stoltz, who read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Anne Gilliland, Eric Conrad, Martha Archer, Margaret Young, Pat Slaughter, Suzanne Newton, Steven Lake, and Robert Greenberg. He read the following list of names of the deceased: Odessa Archer, K.J. Harris, Mike Holt—North Carolina; John Lowry—Georgia. John Stoltz then led 381, and his prayer referenced Colossians 3:12-17.

Leaders: Chris Wolf 464; Mary Baumeister 545; Tyler Benjamin 198; Bridget Jamison 319; Michael Archer 332; Meaghan Kachadoorian 382; Candace Burch 569b; Irene Lawrence 142; Kaleb Delk 504. The closing song 212, was led by the Arranging Committee—Meaghan Kachadoorian, Thomas Begley, and Kathy Kaiser. The Treasurer reported that the generous contributions collected would be donated to the Fries Memorial Moravian Church. The Secretary reported that thirty leaders from five states led seventy-eight tunes. The class was dismissed after a closing prayer offered by John Stoltz.

**Sunday, October 12**

The Sunday sessions of singing were held at Moravian Music Foundation. Song selections were from the *Shenandoah Harmony* and a packet of assorted tunes.

Corinne Serfass called the class to order by leading 140t (ShH). Kaleb Delk offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Kaleb Delk 140b (ShH); Kevin Slaughter 3b (ShH); Elena Conway 306 (ShH); Bill Lowry 78 (ShH); Bridget Jamison 80 (ShH); Josh Chandler 418 (ShH); Jonathan Wood 1t (ShH); Michael Archer 86 (ShH); Tom Dillon 146 (ShH); Kyle Johnston 114 (ShH); Thomas Begley 157 (ShH); Jacob Lindler 224 (ShH); Meaghan Kachadoorian 417 (ShH); Andrew Shaw 180 (ShH); Corinne Serfass 144 (ShH).

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Thomas Begley and Meaghan Kachadoorian leading 28t (ShH). Leaders: Elena Conway 403b (ShH); Thomas Begley 424b (ShH);

Jacob Lindler 259 (ShH); Kevin Slaughter 76t (ShH); Bridget Jamison 270 (ShH); Kyle Johnson 338 (ShH); Andrew Shaw 332 (ShH); Tom Dillon 281 (ShH); Michael Archer 64 (ShH); Meaghan Kachadoorian 374t (ShH); Bill Lowry 408b (ShH); Corinne Serfass 334 (ShH); Josh Chandler 124 (ShH); Jonathan Wood 31 (ShH); Kaleb Delk 210 (ShH), 211 (ShH); Candace Burch 89b (ShH). Corinne Serfass led the class in the Moravian Table Grace before the break for lunch. Andrew Shaw offered the lunch blessing.

#### LUNCH

Corinne Serfass called the class back together by leading “Darwells”, from the packet described below. Moravian Music Foundation Executive Director Christopher Ogburn and Associate Director Kyle Johnson delivered a short presentation about the Irving Lowens Collection of historic early American tune books, as well as other items contained in the Music Foundation Archive, and conducted a tour of the archive vault. Following the presentation, songs were called from a packet of four-shape songs put together by Corinne Serfass from tune books in the Irving Lowens Collection. Packet selections are from the following tune books: The Harmonist (1837), The Virginia Sacred Minstrel (1817), The Franklin Harmony (1830), and The Church Harmony (1837).

Leaders: Corinne Serfass “Waverly”; Margaret Couch “Limehouse”; Elena Conway “Immortality”; Meaghan Kachadoorian “Forty-Sixth Psalm”; Jacob Lindler “Morley”; Kaleb Delk “Wareham”; Bridget Jamison “St. Olaves”; Kyle Johnston “Plainfield”; Meaghan Kachadoorian “Fiducia”; Jacob Lindler “Malden”; Corinne Serfass “Ophir”; Kyle Johnston “St. Sebastian”; Michael Archer “Danvers”.

#### RECESS

The class reconvened with Corinne Serfass leading “Egypt”. Leaders: Thomas Begley “Shields”; Elena Conway “Solon”; Jacob Lindler “Psalm 25th”; Meaghan Kachadoorian “Bostock”; Margaret Couch “New Kingswood”; Josh Chandler “Little Marlborough”; Thomas Begley “Matthias”; Kaleb Delk “Devizes”.

Corinne Serfass led “Sing Hallelujah” as the last tune, and offered the closing prayer. Chair—Corinne Serfass; Treasurer—Chris Wolf; Secretary—Kathy Kaiser

### **ALBRIGHT, CATES, BROWN, AND SHEPPARD MEMORIAL (2025 EDITION)**

**Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Bremen, Georgia  
Sunday, October 12, 2025**

The annual Albright, Cates, Brown, and Sheppard Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on the second Sunday in October at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, south of Bremen, Georgia. Rene Greene brought the class to order by leading 63. She thanked everyone for coming. Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer. Rene stated that this singing will never go back to Muscadine Methodist Church in Cleburne County, Alabama, due several Methodist churches being dissolved. Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church will be the permanent home of this memorial singing.

Leaders: Pam Nunn 186; Donna Bell 499b (in memory of her brother, Greg Garner, who was killed in an automobile accident in July); Laura Frey Wood 468, 347t (for Miss Rose Watson); Shawn Taylor 33b, 55; Winfred Kerr 34b, 294; Bert Collins 300, 335; Andy Ditzler 451, 54; Karen Rollins 364; Bill DuPre 70t, 347b; Sheri Taylor 110, 278b; Nicholas Thompson 516, 204; Robert Chambliss 569t, 303.

#### RECESS

Rene Greene brought the class to order leading 297. Leaders: Judy Caudle 36t, 494; Cathy Bonk 445, 349; Jim Neal 105, 406; Glenda Collins 99, 101t; Cecil Roberts 37b; David Brodeur 356, 357; Jeannette DePoy 129 (for Kelly Johnson), 274t; Maygan Barker 49b, 45t; Judy Chambliss 499t, 318; José Camacho-Cerna 531, 448b;

Oscar McGuire 570. Oscar McGuire offered the blessing of the noon meal inside the church.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon singing session began with Rene Greene leading 217. Leaders: Sasha Hsuczyk 69b (in memory of Oliver—Kindig Stokes), 214; Oscar McGuire and Katie McGuire 574 (in memory of Bentley McGuire); Judy Mincey 513, 514; Fallon Cook 454 (in memory of her mother, Virginia Dyer), 146; José Camacho-Cerna 147b; Nicholas Thompson 566 (in memory of his father, Bryan); Shawn Taylor 452b; Donna Bell and Rene Greene 556 (in memory of Jeff and Shelbie Sheppard); Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 268; Laura Frey Wood and Sheri Taylor 358 (in memory of Hugh McGraw); Sasha Hsuczyk and Nathan Rees 396; Karen Rollins and Judy Caudle 334; Maygan Barker and Bill DuPre 223; Robert Chambliss and Winfred Kerr 517; Jim Neal, Judy Mincey, and Oscar McGuire 122; David Brodeur and Andy Ditzler 244; Rene Greene, Fallon Cook, Cain Cook, and Pam Nunn 269.

Announcements were made. The starting time for this singing next year will be 10:00 a.m. EDT.

Rene Greene thanked everyone for coming. Rene and Pam led 299 (for Betty Sheppard and Deb Morton). Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rene Sheppard Greene; Vice Chairman—Pam Sheppard Nunn; Secretary—Donna Garner Bell

### **ANDREWS CHAPEL SINGING (2025 EDITION)**

**Thomaston, Georgia**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

The annual singing at Andrews Chapel School was called to order by John Plunkett leading 59. Robert Chambliss gave the opening prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 545; Jim Williams-Neal 81t; Glenda Collins 349; Winfred Kerr 89; Lisa Bennett 515; Trent Peachey and Annie Peachey 317; Bert Collins 35; Caleb Ledbetter 408; Oscar McGuire 535; Robert Chambliss 163b; Annie Peachey and Trent Peachey 117; Faye Hollis 340; Chris Robinson 34t; Karen Rollins 34b.

#### RECESS

Sheri Taylor called the class back to order leading 39t. Leaders: Judy Chambliss 213b; Jeremiah Ledbetter 52b; Laura Frey 339; Matt Hinton 227; Mary Brownlee and John Brownlee 84, 348b; Shannon Primm 213t; David Smead 347b; Lilly Hooks 354b, 47b; Tim Meeks 383; Jane Cannon 466; John Plunkett 54; Jim Williams-Neal 122; Glenda Collins 212; Winfred Kerr 225t; Charlotte Bishop 143.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by John Plunkett leading 471. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 516; Trent Peachey 37t; Bert Collins 542; Oscar McGuire 485; Robert Chambliss 480; Caleb Ledbetter 40; Faye Hollis 99; Chris Robinson 33t; Karen Rollins 115; Jeremiah Ledbetter and Lily Ledbetter 310; Laura Frey Wood 461; Matt Hinton 460; Mary Brownlee and John Brownlee 489; Shannon Primm 487; David Smead 78; Lilly Hooks 445; Tim Meeks 129; Jane Cannon 484t; Charlotte Bishop 268; John Plunkett 94 (for Rosemund Watson, Martha Harrell, and Susan Ford); Sheri Taylor 347t; Jim Williams-Neal 405; Jeremiah Ledbetter and Lily Ledbetter 76t; Trent Peachey and Annie Peachey 318; Matt Hinton 284; Shannon Primm 254; Tim Meeks 457; Jane Cannon 527; Caleb Ledbetter 196; David Smead 130; Lisa Bennett 513. The class entered into a business session and voted to add a second annual singing at Andrews Chapel School on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May, starting in 2026.

Following announcements, John Plunkett led 557 as the closing song. Jim Williams-Neal dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—John Plunkett; Secretary—David Smead

## **TENNESSEE STATE SACRED HARP SINGING (2025 EDITION)**

**Arlington United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

The annual Tennessee State Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Song selections were made from *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*. Rachael Geary called the class to order leading 570. Ron Harper offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rachael Geary; Vice Chairman—Levi Trumbore; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson; Arranging—Barrett Patton.

Leaders: Rachel Geary 60; Levi Trumbore 531, 39t; Barrett Patton 56t, 161; Ron Harper 350, 203; Emily Stutzman 223, 532; David Carlton 484t, 130; Ray Turrentine 99, 49b; Joy Dunn 81t, 274t; Joyce Morton 155, 36b.

RECESS

Alex Forsyth called the class back to order leading 495. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 78, 173; Nicole Scott 172, 171; Tim Morton 469, 382; Caleb Dilehay 89, 402; Gerald Shultz 242, 320; Deborah Taube 276, 344; Tim Gregg 115, 494; John Wentt 87, 96; Kelli Joyce 178t, 117; Zac Martin 32t, 146.

RECESS

The class was called back to order by Levi Trumbore leading 40. Leaders: Mark Jones 361, 149; Alex Forsyth 204, 255; Larry Brown 454, 236; Carol Wentt 355, 569b; James George and Anna Hinton 59. Zac Martin offered the prayer before the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Rachael Geary leading 111t. Leaders: Nicholas Thompson 334; Sarah George and Nicholas Thompson 299 (in memory of Deb Morton); Cindy Tanner 544, 436; Rosie Sokolov 123t, 224; David Ivey 184, 499t; Tom George 50b, 395; Beth Ann Clay 192, 566; Donna Wootten 88t, 114; Danny Creel 485, 196; Cheyenne Ivey 308, 356; Sarah George 541, 208; Ken Tate 347b, 266; Anna Hinton 540, 419; Shane Wootten 37t, 219; Rosie Sokolov 39b; Tim Morton 55; Cindy Tanner and Danny Creel 269; Sarah George and Nicholas Thompson 468; Tim Gregg 524; Cheyenne Ivey and Joyce Morton 384; David Ivey and Barrett Patton 420t. Announcements were made.

Rachael Geary and Levi Trumbore led 521 as the closing song. Ron Harper offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rachael Geary; Vice Chairman—Levi Trumbore; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

## **NEW YORK STATE SACRED HARP CONVENTION**

**(2025 EDITION)**

**German American Club, Albany, New York**

**October 18-19, 2025**

**Saturday, October 18**

The 35th New York State Sacred Harp Convention was held at the German American Club in Albany, New York, singing from the new 2025 edition. The class was called to order by Ginny Huszagh leading 34b. The opening prayer was led by Sarah Underhill. A business meeting followed to elect Pattie Wareh as chairman. Leaders: Pattie Wareh 49t; Alison Forster 472; Mary Skidmore 27b; Barbara Swetman 484t; Tarik Wareh 381; George Sigut 448t; Jean Seiler 87; Eileen Raab

268; Sarah Underhill 39t; Laura Densmore 41; Dennis Leipold 40; Sally Langendorf 176b; Kathy Chillemi 47t; Bob Wheeler 107; Seth Rutledge 163b; Kathy Collett 474.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Eric Bean leading 49b. Leaders: Kerry Cullinan and Jesse Karlsberg 188; Becky Wright 366; Ernest Blake 48t; Sage Chase-Dempsey 531; Anne Evers 255; Will Harron 486; Mary Skidmore 486; Tom Evers 29b; Joan Nagy 547; Paul Bird 319; Evelyn Lamb 393; Erin Fulton 123t; Dev Crasta 122; Lily Hammond 532.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Sage Chase-Dempsey leading 30b. Leaders: Guy Bankes and Anna Bowen 543; Kyle Johnston 544. Jesse Pearlman Karlsberg, who served on the Revision-Music Committee, gave a special lesson in which he described the committee's process of choosing songs to add to the new edition and made special reference to composers from the Northeastern U.S. whose songs are included. He led 50b, 223, 395, and 367. Hollie Long led 115. A blessing was given by Anna Bowen.

#### LUNCH

The class was called together by Dev Crasta leading 36b. Leaders: Sally Langendorf 81t; Rachel Hall 413; Faith Potter, Erik Potter, and Nina Potter 72b; Paul Bird 71; Anne Evers 130; Becky Wright and Rachel Hall 257; Jean Seiler and Jesse Karlsberg 231 (in memory of George Seiler); Kyle Johnston 93; Alison Forster 442; Will Harron 480; Lily Hammond 344; Jean Seiler, Eric Bean, Laura Densmore, Ginny Huszagh, Barbara Swetman, Dennis Leipold, and Kathy Chillemi (attendees of the first New York State Sacred Harp Convention) 475; Sage Chase-Dempsey 29t; Kathy Chillemi 178t; Tom Evers 37b; Barbara Swetman 211; Tarik Wareh 507; Erin Fulton 345b; Bob Wheeler 452b.

#### RECESS

The class was called together by Erin Fulton leading 106. Leaders: Evelyn Lamb 353; Kerry Cullinan 566; Kathy Collett 38t; Dennis Leipold 300; Seth Rutledge 163t; Sarah Underhill 332; Pattie Wareh 276; George Sigut 303; Joan Nagy 504; Hollie Long 541; Ginny Huszagh 189; Dev Crasta 47b; Ernest Blake 84; Anna Bowen 182; Jesse Karlsberg 183; Mary Skidmore 334; Guy Bankes 534; Rachel Hall 487; Lily Hammond 513; Tom Evers and Anne Evers 384; Becky Wright 30t; Will Harron 269. Pattie Wareh led 323t as the closing song.

### Sunday, October 19

The class was called to order by Pattie Wareh leading 101t and 171. Leaders: Barbara Swetman 40, 41; Tarik Wareh 452t, 467; Mary Skidmore 50b, 570; Ernest Blake 49t, 49b; Kyle Johnston 357, 162; Tom Evers 163b, 484t; Jean Seiler 50t, 51.

#### RECESS

The session was called to order by Anne Evers leading 85. Leaders: Paul Bird 551, 236; Laura Densmore 313t, 370; Mary Skidmore 113; Sarah Underhill 102, 345t; Julie Richard 115, 176t; Erin Fulton 341, 497b; Kerry Cullinan 461, 491.

#### RECESS

The session was called to order by Jesse Karlsberg leading 57. Leaders: Annie Reynolds 381, 396; George Sigut 86, 444.

The memorial lesson was given by Lily Hammond and Jon Adler. Lily led 516 for the sick and shut-ins: Sally Roberts, B.R. Black, Katy Black, Nicole Collins, Denise Kania, Gina Balestracci, Greta Holbrook, Amy Betz, Ginny Ely, Paul Sandefur, Hannah Parrott, Brigitte Humbert, Ernest Arnett, Frank Arnett, Brenda Waters, Ed Walton, Joanne Fuller, Rio Seiler, Brenda Dunlap, Jody Kolodzey, Marilyn Embser, Pat Waggener, Tom Waggener, and Bill Shetter.

Jon led 400 for the deceased: Dorothy Vicra, Gabrielle McGhee, Mary Lou Pritchett, Nancy Tellier, Daniel Stewart, and Cate Skidmore—New York; Peter Amidon, Bill Fellinger, and Virginia Douglas—Vermont; Bob Franke—Massachusetts; Corrone Bryant—Maine/Florida; Dan Phemayotin—New Jersey; Barrie Jane Kintner—Pennsylvania; Phil Perrin—North Carolina; Alice Bejnar—Florida; Grady Wade Denney Burgess—Georgia; Buell Cobb—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; Thomas Owen Reynolds—California/Oregon/Alabama; Bernard Collard—United Kingdom.

Leaders: Jesse Karlsberg 347b, 380 (in memory of Mike Hinton); Joan Nagy 56b, 348t; Micah Walter 561, 274t; Jim Griffin 159. A blessing was given by Anna Bowen.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Hollie Long leading 30b. Leaders: Rachel Farber 60, 402; Alison Forster 448b; Alison Forster and Jesse Karlsberg 245; Elsa Phemayotin 77t, 319; Evelyn Lamb 184, 132; Rachel Hall 181, 423b; Jason Steiner 335, 284; Lily Hammond 278t, 478; Ginny Huszagh 228, 299.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Jean Seiler leading 82t. Leaders: Jon Adler 462, 534; Guy Bankes 442, 65; Evelyn Lamb and Shaye Tung-Funaro 353, 524; Anna Bowen 472, 318; Anne Evers 254, 196; Hollie Long 420t, 488; Jesse Karlsberg 356, 357. Treasurer Mary Skidmore reported that expenses were met, thanks to everyone's generosity. Secretary Alison Forster reported that fifty-two singers had led one hundred sixty-one songs, and there were eighty-five singers registered from eleven states and Canada. The Resolutions Committee, Evelyn Lamb and Jason Steiner, gave thanks to God and to the singers, resolved that the New York State Sacred Harp Convention would next be held in 2026 on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October, and further resolved to adopt *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* as the official tune book, which was met with applause.

Pattie Wareh, Alison Forster, and Mary Skidmore led 62 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Mary Skidmore.

Chairman—Pattie Wareh; Secretaries—Alison Forster and Rachel Reed

## **PACIFIC NORTHWEST SACRED HARP CONVENTION, OREGON (2025 EDITION) Laurelhurst Club, Portland, Oregon October 18-19, 2025 Saturday, October 18**

The 33rd annual Oregon session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention was held at the Laurelhurst Club in Portland, Oregon, on the third Sunday and Saturday before in October. Ruth Linehan called the class to order leading 448b. Thom Fahrbach offered the morning prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairperson—Ruth Linehan; Treasurer—Dorothy Mitchell; Secretary—Nancy Novotny. The 2025 Edition of *The Sacred Harp* was adopted as the book used for this Convention. Leaders: Tamara Wallace 171; Jamie Dawson 183; Dorothy Mitchell 265; Kate Fine 318; Nell Whitman 230; Kate-Laurel Agnew 55; Laura McMurray 70b; Tyan Cherepuschak and Thom Fahrbach 133; Judah Dale 319; Dorothy Robinson 575.

#### RECESS

Julius Pasay led 32t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Mark Miller 463; Jeff Kellem and Kevin Barrans 452t; Hannah Thompson 59; Mischa Skeeter 448t; Troy Sherman 196; Juanita Heyerman 65; Jennifer Jones 381; Pat Coghlan 218; Greg Sauer 497b; Ben Brown 142; Kate Fortin 300; Betsy Jeronen 531; Steve Tarr 324; Katie Mahoney 33b; Steve Cackley 124; Sarah McIntosh 454.

#### RECESS

Kristofer Ilex led 29t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jenna Tompkins 189; Michael Wan Lu 159; Silas Huckaby 328; Eric Byrd 282; Emma Swartz 478; Edouard Beaudry 562; Kate Coxon and Kate Kirwan 349; Kevin Barrans 523; Linda Selph 524; Ian Suchon 334; Sara Ng 198; Sam Ellenberger 57; Nancy Novotny 330b; David Wright 513; Katherine Manning 530; Peter Abrahamsen 163b; Kaia Wing 574; Paul Chamberlain 461 (for Noah Brubaker); Carolyn Deacy 257; Bob Schinske and Wren Hyde 475. Thom Fahrbach offered the noon prayer.

#### LUNCH

Sarah Berry led 30t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Dan Thoma 30b (in memory of Priscilla Strayer); Mark Godfrey 483; Pippa Stoddard 516; Jonas Powell 99; Deidra Montgomery 255; Irene Gilb 242; Andy Ditzler 476; Teresa Maguire 500; Bridge Hill Kennedy 546; Leigh Cooper 570; Peter Schinske 514; Kate Kirwan 411; Nadia Bolz-Weber 277; Kristofer Ilex 39b; David Brodeur 356; Julia Zaffarano 115; Julius Pasay 366; Wren Hyde 130; Gerry Hoffman 484t; Shawn Taylor 118; Porter Lontz-Underhill 264; Lindy Groening 184; Mike Chaffin 48b; Carrie Walker 544.

#### RECESS

Marie Brandis led 72b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Anne Huckins 27b; Deb Koch 148; Leah Coffin 332; Barbara Lehr 312b; Maggie Gammons 82t; Spencer Stuart, Edouard Beaudry, and Sarah Ng 308; Dorothy Mitchell 258; Brian How 114; Karen Willard 36t; Lucinda Larsen Saue 178t; Susan Helf and Manuel Lopez 313b; Eleanor Stevens 268; Ruth Linehan 367; Leland Ross and Peter Schinske 338; Douglas Hill 337.

Following closing remarks for the day, Chairperson Ruth Linehan led 36b as the closing song. Thom Fahrbach offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

### Sunday, October 19

The Sunday session of the Pacific Northwest Sacred Harp Convention was called to order by Ruth Linehan leading 171. Carrie Walker offered the morning prayer. Leaders: Dorothy Robinson 33b; Emma Swartz 101t; Steve Tarr 539; Ian Kesling 35; Nancy Novotny 263; Steve Cackley 111b; Lucinda Larsen Saue 504; Mischa Skeeter 478; Betsy Jeronen 256; Jamie Dawson 275t; Dolan Dolan-Wolfe 222; Kate-Laurel Agnew 223; Nell Whitman 99 (for Cornelia Stanton); Peter Abrahamsen 159; Thom Fahrbach 323b; Juanita Heyerman 46.

#### RECESS

Edouard Beaudry led 59 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Jennifer Jones 527; Paul Chamberlain 468; Tamara Wallace 130; Deb Koch 354b; Spencer Stuart 547; Carrie Walker 520; Hannah Thompson 499b; Dan Thoma 78; Katie Mahoney 406; Helen Cepero 472; Bob Schinske 526; Leah Coffin 132; Dorothy Mitchell 515; Karen Willard 542 (for Kate Fine); Maggie Luthin 122.

#### RECESS

Anna Yuan and Kristofer Ilex led 32t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Ian Suchon 344; Linda Selph and David Wright 231; Gary Plouff 318; Carolyn Deacy 471; Pat Coghlan 272; Nadia Bolz Weber and Liz Gilbert 203; Peter Schinske 213b; Sarah McIntush and Silas Huckaby 58; Mark Godfrey 541; Julia Zaffarano 215.

Tamara Wallace spoke for the sick and housebound. She reflected on the symbolism of the hollow square and noted that we hold the sick and housebound within its space. Tamara and Mischa Skeeter then led 381 for the following sick and housebound: Jasper Kennedy, Greg Newby, B.R. Black, Katy Black, Graham Parman, Marc Walter, David Livingstone, Rebecca Winnick, Ann Bogard, Kelsey Taylor, Nate Green, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Margaret Keeton, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Noah Brubaker, Emilia Adams, Kate Fine, Mary Chaffin, Cornelia Stanton, Steve Read, Darrell Parker, Ernestine Parker, Rachel McClain, and Susan Helf.

Mischa Skeeter offered the memorial lesson. He spoke of the loss of members of his own family and noted that the anniversary of his mother's death coincided with his being asked to do the memorial lesson. Mischa expressed his belief that when those we love pass away, although we don't see them, they are not gone. He observed that the memorial lesson serves as a way to help us carry on. He recited the poetry of a hymn in the indigenous Creek language and noted how it fit the meter as well as the spirit of the shape note hymn, Idurnea. Mischa and Tamara Wallace then led 47b in memory of the following: Priscilla Strayer, Corey Pearson, and Susan Smith—Oregon; Meleta Hoffstadt, Franz Wassermann, and Jabbara Edwards—Washington; Buell Cobb and Brian Thompson—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; Peter Amidon—Vermont; Dan Phemayotin—New Jersey; Corrone Bryant—Maine and Florida. Carrie Walker offered a prayer for those who were named during the memorial lesson.

Leaders: Lindy Groening 216; Kate Fine 532; Troy Sherman 38b; Jenna Tompkins 420t. Carrie Walker offered the noon prayer.

#### LUNCH

Peter Schinske led 45t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Pippa Stoddard 157; David Brodeur 419; Marie Brandis 168; Deidra Montgomery 508; Kate Kirwan 377; Julius Pasay 500; Irene Gilb 367; Bridge Hill Kennedy 110; Andy Ditzler 161; Teresa Maguire 453; David Wright 442; Silas Huckaby and Sarah McIntush 129; Sam Ellenberger 536; Leigh Cooper 254; Kristofer Ilex 309; Katharine Manning 43; Mike Chaffin 487; Jonas Powell 395; Kaia Wing 433; Shawn Taylor 294; Gerry Hoffman and Brian How 315; Edouard Beaudry 320; Eric Byrd 445.

#### RECESS

Kate Kirwan led 345b to bring the class back together. Leaders: Wren Hyde 134; Porter Lontz-Underhill 516; Douglas Hill 329; Kate Fortin 384; Tyan Cherepuschak and Paul Chamberlain 79; Tom Hallaran 324; Sara Ng 436; Barbara Lehr 34b; Ruth Linehan 378b; Sarah Berry 86; Jeff Kellem and Emma Swartz 31t; Michael Wan Lu 288; Kevin Barrans 491; Greg Sause 531; Laura McMurray 73t; Walden Marcus and Ian Suchon 413; Gabriel Kastelle 484t; Hazel Briar 335.

The business meeting was reopened. A gift was presented to David Wright to thank him for his singing school presentation on Friday evening. Nancy Novotny, as Secretary, announced one hundred sixty registered singers from sixteen U.S. states, Canada, and the United Kingdom, as well as ninety-six leaders and one hundred eighty-five songs sung. Dorothy Mitchell, as Treasurer, announced that expenses had been met. The Resolutions Committee (Deidra Montgomery and Pippa Stoddard) offered thanks to all who contributed to a successful convention and resolved to meet again next year. The business meeting was closed. Announcements of upcoming singings were made.

Ruth Linehan led 62 as the closing song. Carrie Walker offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Ruth Linehan; Secretary—Nancy Novotny

### **REID MEMORIAL (2025 EDITION)**

**Warrior, Alabama**

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**

The annual 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 155 (in memory of Lucy Heidorn); Ken Tate 460 (in memory of Lucy Heidorn), 498; Ainslie Allen 430, 475; Larry Ballinger 50b (1991); Mark Davis 157, 272; Mike Hankins 168, 177; Roma Rice 36b, 489; Jeff James 31t, 86;

Loretta Whitman 75, 81t; Terry Hullett 222, 348b; Karen Rollins 334; Louise Yeager 276, 112.

**RECESS**

Danny Creel led 77t to bring the class together. Leaders: Henry McGuire 514, 544; Cheyenne Ivey 115, 182; Chris Ballinger 111b, 44; Brenda Chafin 183, 187; Terry Wootten 56b, 499t; Emily Stutzman 551, 512; Levi Trumbore 426t, 186; Lisa Geist 228, 492.

**RECESS**

Ken Tate brought the class back together by leading 347b. Leaders: Maygan Barker 45t, 72b; Tom George 80t, 501t; Amber Davis 391, 380 (for Paula Springfield); Doug Cantrell 490, 354b; Tim Gregg 91, 258; Rosie Sokolov 441, 411; Richard Ivey 254, 203. Jeff James asked a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Ken Tate leading 515. Leaders: Everett Ivey 569b; Meredith Ivey 47b; Sarah George 217, 447; Rachael Geary 468, 426b; Rodney Ivey 373, 299; Barrett Patton 336 (for Marlin Beasley), 494; Ann Jett 172; Ann Jett and Yancey Jett 440; David Ivey 259; Sue Nell Ellis 117; Sue Nell Ellis and Ken Tate 79; Alex Forsyth 409, 76b; Shane Wootten 293, 170; Cassie Allen 438, 192; Nicholas Thompson 304 (in memory of Lucy Heidorn); Nicholas Thompson and Cindy Tanner 436 (in memory of Elsie Moon); Nathan Rees 467, 103; Brett King, Cassie Allen, and Ken Tate 129, 162; Jackie Tanner 314, 298; Cindy Tanner 420t; Cindy Tanner and Tom George 541; Sharon DuPriest 189; Reid Descendants 146; Cassie Allen 342. Announcements were made.

Danny Creel led 323t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Terry Wootten, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Danny Creel; Vice Chairman—Ken Tate; Secretary—Ainslie Allen

**SOCIETY FOR ETHNOMUSICOLOGY SINGING  
(2025 EDITION)**

**Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia  
Friday, October 24, 2025**

A Sacred Harp singing was held in conjunction with the 70th annual meeting of the Society for Ethnomusicology. Prior to the singing, Jesse P. Karlsberg led a panel discussion on the revision of *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* featuring David Ivey, Lauren Bock, and Tom George. The following officers were appointed to serve: Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Jonathon Smith; Secretary—Tom George; Arranging Officer—Jesse P. Karlsberg. The class was called together by David Ivey leading 31b. Matt Hinton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Jonathon Smith 65; Tom George 27b; Jesse P. Karlsberg 499t; Grace Holleran 542; Esther Morgan-Ellis 461; Amy Wells 209; Scott DePoy and Jeanette DePoy 201; Maygan Barker 457; Andrew Snyder 547; Shawn Taylor 446; Andy Ditzler and Zoe Stephens 259; Juniper Hill 84; Donna Kwon 484t; Phillip Langley 475; Bill DuPre 347b; Sasha Hsuczyk 214; Rachel Adelstein 78; David Brodeur 472; Lisa Bennett 161; Lauren Bock 255; Matt Hinton and Jesse P. Karlsberg 188; Melinda Snow 68b; David Smead 507; Laura Akerman 441; James Burrell 123t; Michael Spencer 515.

David Ivey and Jonathon Smith led 414t as the closing song. Matt Hinton offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Ivey; Vice Chairman—Jonathon Smith; Secretary—Tom George

**DAVID RUST MEMORIAL SINGING (2025 EDITION)**  
**St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bloomington, Indiana**  
**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

The annual Rust Memorial Singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. The class was called to order by Shannon Tibbs leading 31t; Beth Garfinkel leading 84, and Adrian Eldridge leading 99 and then offering the opening prayer. Leaders: Joshua Joy 39t; Rob Tibbs 117; Janice Harrell 35; Carolyn Craig 126; Samantha Foster 455; Thomas Smith 254; Aaron Jones 48 (ShH); Shannon Tibbs 141; Keith Collins 198; Geo Colvard 313b; Sarah Lynne Gershon 41; Barbara Lehr 72b; Marlen Rust 59; Keith Seidel 495; Tom Morton 420t; Sarah Ward 155.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Ray Rechenberg 101t, 40; Karen Arnett 192; Randy Webber 236; Alice Bean 472; Rich Overturf 373; Tim Morton 424t (ShH); Thomas Koehnline 302; Adrian Eldridge 385b; Joshua Joy 326; Geo Colvard 547; Sarah Ward 178t; Barbara Lehr 270; Sarah Lynne Gershon 282; Tom Morton 496; Marlen Rust 40; Aaron Jones 260 (ShH); Karen Arnett 474.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Thomas Koehnline 76b; Thomas Smith 170 (ShH); Tim Morton 422 (ShH); Samantha Foster 418b (ShH); Keith Seidel 172; Carolyn Craig 68b; Shannon Tibbs 178b; Alice Bean 369; Randy Webber 487. Aaron Jones offered a blessing before the meal.

**LUNCH**

The class was called back to order by Sarah Ward leading 244. Leaders: Beth Garfinkel 140b (ShH); Keith Collins 277; Ray Rechenberg 29t; Rich Overturf 56b; Sarah Lynne Gershon 383; Karen Arnett 257; Barbara Lehr 112; Joshua Joy 159. Thomas Koehnline read the names from the deceased list and led 285t, then read the names from the sick and shut-ins list and led 284.

Leaders: Shannon Tibbs 449; Tim Morton 544; Geo Colvard 86.

**RECESS**

Leaders: Barbara Lehr 448b; Samantha Foster 333; Randilyne Santiago 76t (ShH); Geo Colvard 436; Barbara Lehr and Thomas Koehnline 242 (ShH). Announcements were made.

Shannon Tibbs led 62 as the class took the parting hand. Adrian Eldridge offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Shannon Tibbs; Secretary—Samantha Foster

**FASOLA OMAHA NEBRASKA SINGING (2025 EDITION)**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**  
**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

The 25th session of the Fasola Omaha Nebraska State All-Day Singing met at Trinity North Lutheran Church on the fourth Saturday of October. Pastor Jon Gathje offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Paul Lindholm 27b, 419; Shana Wenger 288, 270; Eleanor Haase 217, 327; Paul Wyatt 347b, 142; Jenni Wallace 475, 31t; Steve Schmidgall 477, 130; Annie Grieshop 84; John Schley 503, 86.

**RECESS**

Jenni Wallace called the class back together by leading 34b, followed by three composers leading their own compositions. James Solheim and Steve Schmidgall led "Schmidgall"; James Solheim led "Justin's Present"; Ines Lüttgen led "Ozymandias" and "Leviathan"; Shana Wenger led "Revontulet". Leaders: Sue Pearson 497t, 143; Delta Eske 107; Larry Hall 532; Steve Schmidgall 496; Paul Lindholm 461, 299; Eleanor Haase 269, 344; and Paul Wyatt 467, 189. James Solheim asked for a blessing before lunch.

## LUNCH

Paul Wyatt called the class back to order by leading 313b. Leaders: Annie Grieshop 186, 40; John Schley 569t, 37b; Jenni Wallace 474, 448b; James Solheim 524, 483; Sue Pearson 258, 146; Shana Wenger and Lorene Ludy 47b, 400; Steve Schmidgall 531, 501t; Paul Lindholm 460, 77t.

Jon Gathje offered a moving lesson remembering the sick and shut-ins including Alice Love, Char Peterson, Don Baade, Colleen Baade, Jerome Solheim, Denise Kania, and Nadia Bolz-Weber. James Solheim read these names and led 484t.

Jon Gathje then provided a memorial lesson. The deceased included Mitchell Dean, Aura Lee Furgason, Bobbi Keppel, and Jeff Bell. James Solheim read these names and led 178t.

## RECESS

Shana Wenger called the class back together by leading 30t. Leaders: Ines Lütten 208, 349; Delta Eske 245; Eleanor Haase 384; Paul Wyatt 357, 155; Annie Grieshop 300, 137; John Schley 547; Jenni Wallace 200, 566. James Solheim led his own song, "Joyce." After announcements of upcoming singings and thanks to the attendees, from Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, New Hampshire, and Nebraska, Pastor Gathje provided a closing prayer. The day concluded with the singing of 347t led by Shana Wenger.

Chairman—James Solheim; Secretary—Justin Solheim

## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SACRED HARP SINGING

### FALL SESSION (2025 EDITION)

#### West Fork Library Hall, West Fork, Arkansas

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

The Northwest Arkansas Sacred Harp Singing, Fall Session was held at the West Fork Library Hall in West Fork, Arkansas on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Bill Caldwell called the class to order leading 36b, followed by a prayer offered by Syd Caldwell. Bill welcomed the class and moved the Northwest Arkansas Sacred Harp Singers adopt the 2025 Revision of the Sacred Harp, and the vote was unanimous.

Leaders: Syd Caldwell 51; Cory Winters 27b; McKenna Mullis 82t; Allison Langston 171; Beverly Coates 53; Chris Nicholson and Charity Nicholson 212; Sonya Kirkham 124; Bill Caldwell 472; Syd Caldwell 137; Cory Winters 72b; McKenna Mullis 514; Allison Langston 570; Beverly Coates 115; Chris Nicholson 34b; Sonya Kirkham 39b.

## RECESS

Allison Langston called the class back together by leading 47t. Leaders: Bill Caldwell 353; Syd Caldwell 460; Cory Winters 470; McKenna Mullis 479; Andrew Albers 131b; Allison Langston 55 (for Katy and BR Black); Beverly Coates 95; Chris Nicholson 477; Bill Caldwell 240; Sonya Kirkham 207; Syd Caldwell 263; Cory Winters and Ray Towne 268; McKenna Mullis 497t; Andrew Albers 378b.

## RECESS

Andrew Albers called the class back to order by leading 46. Syd Caldwell read the list of sick and shut-ins and led 575. A memorial lesson was given by Beverly Coates. She led 373.

Leaders: Allison Langston 547; Chris Nicholson 33b; Bill Caldwell 350; Sonya Kirkham 40; Cory Winters 59; Syd Caldwell, Janice Caldwell, and Norma Dickerson 147t. Syd Caldwell said a prayer before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

Beverly Coates led 176b to begin the afternoon session. Leaders: McKenna Mullis 76b; Andrew Albers 69t; Allison Langston 389; Beverly Coates 546; Chris Nicholson 32t; Bill Caldwell 344; Sonya Kirkham 276; Cory Winters and Karen Hanna-Towne

178t; Syd Caldwell 434; McKenna Mullis 496; Andrew Albers 319; Allison Langston 236; Beverly Coates 571; Chris Nicholson 313b; Bill Caldwell 503.

RECESS

The class was called back together by McKenna Mullis leading 542. The class voted to move the Northwest Arkansas Sacred Harp Singing Spring Session to Saturday before the second Sunday in May.

Leaders: Sonya Kirkham 358; Cory Winters, Bobby Winters, and Sandra Winters 162; Cory Winters 433; Syd Caldwell 78; McKenna Mullis 270; Andrew Albers 271t; Allison Langston 484t; Beverly Coates 481; Chris Nicholson 314.

Bill Caldwell led 49b as the closing song. Syd Caldwell offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Bill Caldwell; Secretary—Allison Langston

**NORUMBEGA HARMONY AND SACRED HARP SINGING  
(1991 EDITION)**

**Church of The Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

An afternoon singing from *The Norumbega Harmony* and *The Sacred Harp* was held at the Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The first session was called to order by Sylvia Martin, who led 34b. Leaders: Bill Holt 52t; Jim Harper 178t (2025); Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 479; Ron Trial 115 (2025); Michal Truelsen 84; Susan Jaster 504; Owen Stoddard 467 (2025); Richard Schmeidler 474; George Howe 312b; Christopher Kain 49b; Sue Hanson 452; Robert Dove McClellan 473; Susan Mampre 297; Juliet McFadden 29t; Glen Wright 354b; Nancy Reid 77b; Sylva Martin 258 (NbH); Bill Holt 44 (NbH); Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 142; Ron Trial 524 (2025); Michal Truelsen 352; Susan Jaster 200 (NbH); Owen Stoddard 472; Richard Schmeidler 475; George Howe 208 (NbH).

RECESS

After a short break we reconvened for session two primarily from *The Norumbega Harmony*. Leaders: Robert Dove 242 (NbH); Sue Hanson 16 (NbH); Susan Mampre 6 (NbH); Glen Wright 122 (NbH); Sylvia Martin 98 (NbH); Nancy Reid 80 (NbH); Bill Holt 108 (NbH); Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 166 (NbH); John Travers and Bill Holt 174 (NbH); Ron Trial 36 (NbH); Michal Truelsen 212 (NbH); Susan Jaster 192 (NbH); Jim Harper 100 (NbH); Glen Wright 224 (NbH); Richard Schmeidler 195 (NbH); Owen Stoddard 24 (NbH); Michal Truelsen 236 (NbH); Susan Mampre 88 (NbH).

RECESS

The class was brought to order for session three, primarily from the 1991 revision. Leaders: Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 217; Christopher Kain 471; Juliet McFadden 334; Nancy Reid 523; Richard Schmeidler 254; Susan Mampre and Glen Wright 242; Robert Dove McClellan 344; Michal Truelsen 184; Susan Jaster 266; Glen Wright 513; Sue Hanson 81b; Owen Stoddard 545; Bill Holt 484; Jim Harper 223; Ron Trial 213b; Sylvia Martin 515; Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner 368; Christopher Kain 381; Juliet McFadden 70b; Nancy Reid 191; Richard Schmeidler 169; Susan Mampre 372; Robert Dove McClellan 566; Michal Truelsen 99; Susan Jaster 468; Glen Wright 188. Sylvia Martin thanked all that contributed.

Chair—Sylvia Martin; Secretary—Ishmael Stefanov-Wagner

## **PUTNAM, LIGHT, AND KING MEMORIAL (2025 EDITION)**

**Mount Oak Methodist Church, Arab, Alabama**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

The annual Putnam, Light, and King Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. The class was called to order by David Light leading 30t. Barrett Patton offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: David Light 274t; Judy Caudle 29t, 29b; Nicholas Thompson 100, 85; Daniel Hopper 376, 210; Emily Stutzman 28b, 318; Beth Branscome 354t, 229; Blake Sisemore 299 (in memory of Deb Morton), 484t; Craig Holmes 159, 111t; Leann Carter 480, 75.

### **RECESS**

David Light led 200 to bring the class back together. Leaders: Lisa Geist 527 (for Parker Umber), 572; Jackie Tanner 138t, 89; Tim Gregg 32t, 64; Bridge Hill Kennedy 448b, 381; Cindy Tanner 368, 155 (in memory of Lucy Heidorn); Barrett Patton and Cindy Tanner 220; Barrett Patton 259; Larry Ballinger 158; Amber Davis 208, 436. Elder Daniel Hopper asked a blessing at the tables.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with David Light leading 340 (in memory of Coy Putnam, Marcus Light, and Hershel King). Leaders: Marlin Beasley 434, 336; Michael Rodgers 178t, 40; Bill Denney 420t, 358; Tina Marquez 63; Kiley Yates and Nicholas Thompson 72b; Nicholas Thompson 112; Bridge Hill Kennedy 568 (for J.C. Rutledge), 276; Tim Gregg 494; Judy Caudle 43 (by request); Barrett Patton 544; Austin Smith and Nicholas Thompson 57; Emily Stutzman 223; Tina Marquez 236. Announcements were made.

David Light led 110 as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Daniel Hopper, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—David Light; Secretary—Judy Caudle

## **SEED AND FEED SACRED HARP SINGING (2025 EDITION)**

**Tisdale Hall, Holy Trinity Parish, Decatur, Georgia**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

The 47th session of the 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 173. Malinda Snow offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill DuPre 42; Laura Akerman 484t; David Brodeur 81b; Amy Wells 142; David Smead 140; Helen Bryson 136; Debora Grosse 334; Lisa Bennett 395; Jeannette DePoy 171; John Yntema 107; Maygan Barker 135; Tom George 92; Duffy 55; Caran Bramlette 480; Jane Cannon 53; Kelly Morris 535; Lauren Bock 308; Johnathon Kelso 338.

### **RECESS**

Malinda Snow called the class back together by leading 294. Shawn Taylor led 499t. Bill DuPre led the memorial lesson. He spoke about the Sacred Harp community and the importance of helping others in the community. He read the following list of names of the sick and shut-ins: Judy Henry, Betty Shepherd, Joyce Walton, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Don Bowen, Jack Nelson, Henry Johnson, Jesse Roberts, Nate Green. Bill read the following list of names of the deceased: Buell Cobb, Lucy Heidorn, and Julia Poston—Alabama; Nancy Hersh and Donna Tasker—Georgia; John Bennett—Germany; Michael Kennedy—Ireland; John Smead—Missouri; Phil Perrin—North Carolina; Mike Hinton—Texas. Bill DuPre led 86 for all, and closed the lesson with prayer.

Leaders: John Plunkett 160t; Jesse P. Karlsberg 487; Andy Ditzler and Jeff Thomas 513; Judy Mincey 27b; Jacob Lindler 400; John Whittemore 40; Anders Wells 99; Erick Rubio and José Camacho-Cerna 47b; Tom George 409; Janet Shepherd 433;

David Ivey 355; Juniper Hill 455; José Camacho-Cerna 562; Dan Edwards 270; Dave Farmer 209; Jesse P. Karlsberg and Gabriel Zuckerberg 106.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected: Chair—Bill DuPre; Vice Chair—Shawn Taylor; Secretary—Laura Akerman. David Brodeur continued as the Arranging Committee and Lisa Bennett as Treasurer.

#### LUNCH

Jesse P. Karlsberg led 111t to bring the class back together. Jesse made a special presentation of a plaque to Malinda Snow for her work in editing song texts in the new revision of *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*.

Leaders: Rosemarie Yntema 255; Jonathon Smith 419; Juniper Hill 269; David Ivey 516; Sasha Hsuczyk 432; Colton Barber 178t; Lisa Bennett and Gary Spikula 26; Nathan Rees and Katelyn Best 50t; Kelly Morris 503; Rachel Adelstein 268; Gabriel Zuckerberg 288; Nina Burris 198; Laurie Allison 100; Grace Holleran 542; Jane Cannon 515; Doug Allison 115; Jacob Lindler 506; Caran Bramlette 143; Janet Shepherd 114; Duffy 203; John Whittemore 38b; Judy Mincey 51; Lauren Bock 523; Juniper Hill 481; Corinne Wells and Lucey Karlsberg 196; Laura Akerman 569b; José Camacho-Cerna 367. Following announcements, David Ivey led 575. Dave Farmer offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Bill DuPre; Vice Chair—Shawn Taylor; Secretary—Laura Akerman

### **ELDRIDGE SCHOOLHOUSE SINGING (2025 EDITION)** **Leipsic Community Center, Orleans, Indiana** **Sunday, October 26, 2025**

The Eldridge Schoolhouse Singing was held on the fourth Sunday in October at the Leipsic Community Center. The class was called to order by Shannon Tibbs leading 63. Adrian Eldridge offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Alice Bean 162; Karen Arnett 479; Barbara Lehr 112; Bill McNiece 478; Samantha Foster 277; Heather Jones 56t; Adrian Eldridge 448b; June Sanders 33b, 47b; Beth Garfinkel 188 (1991), 528; Thomas Koehnline 341, 227.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Thomas Koehnline 448t; Shannon Tibbs 515 (1991), 334 (1991); Samantha Foster 344, 426b; Alice Bean 451 (1991), 49b; Janice Harrell 192, 198; Heather Jones 159, 357; Barb Lund 146, 454; Barbara Lehr 29t, 56b; Karen Arnett 318, 384; June Sanders 334, 178t; Beth Garfinkel 513 (1991), 49t; Bill McNiece 130, 414t; Thomas Koehnline 340, 254 (1991). Adrian Eldridge offered a blessing before the meal.

#### LUNCH

The class was called back to order by Shannon Tibbs leading 38t. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 426t, 550; Karen Arnett 257, 484b; Bill McNiece 531, 501t; Janice Harrell 269, 268; Rob Tibbs 333, 117; Beth Garfinkel 91, 186; Samantha Foster 189, 245; Alice Bean 147t, 408; Adrian Eldridge 335.

#### RECESS

Leaders: Samantha Foster 35; Sam Kinsey 107; Barbara Lehr 34b; Heather Jones 38b; Shannon Tibbs 209, 208; Thomas Koehnline 256, 223. Announcements were made.

Adrian Eldridge led 347t as the class took the parting hand. He offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Adrian Eldridge; Secretary—Samantha Foster

### **FAYETTE COUNTY CONVENTION (1991 EDITION)** **Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama** **Sunday, October 26, 2025**

The 124th session of the Fayette County Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held on the fourth Sunday in October. This singing was held using the 1991 Edition of

the Sacred Harp. The class was called to order by Chris Ballinger leading 56t. Mike Hankins offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Ballinger 270; Lisa Geist 269, 528; Amber Davis 224, 142; Mike Hankins 168, 527; Loretta Whitman 318, 277; Linton Ballinger 460, 410t; Laurie Keeton 524, 480; Steve Killingsworth 68b, 59; Beth Wallace 546, 442; Glenn Keeton 349, 163b; Roma Rice 323b, 182.

#### RECESS

The class was called back to order by Chris Ballinger and Jimmy Ballinger leading 84. Leaders: Abigail Cannon 400, 187; Samuel Williams 446, 476; Shane Wootten 317, 426b; Louise Yeager 503, 61; Lomax Ballinger 274b, 45t; David Killingsworth and Brenda Armstrong 268, 225t; Janet Liton 120, 288.

#### RECESS

Nicholas Thompson called the class back to order leading 345b. Leaders: Henry McGuire 504; Lauren Ballinger and Katie Ballinger 145t; Stanley Smith 392 (in memory of Earl Ballinger); Tim Gregg 188; Anna Hinton 430; Daniel Williams 536; Eli Eddins 385t; Cassie Allen 485; Bridge Hill Kennedy 391 (for Betty Baccus); Mark Davis 211; Erica Hinton 534. Danny Creel asked the prayer before the noon meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Chris Ballinger leading 76b. Leaders: Danny Creel 428; Donna Wootten 314; Rodney Ivey and Cassie Allen 234; Reba Windom 542; Ann Jett 37b; Ezra Eddins 523; Shelby Castillo 456; Matt Hinton 105; Edith Eddins 108t; Buddy Ballinger 399b; Brenda Chafin 77t; Doug Cantrell 235; Ricky Beasley 36b; Nicholas Holmes 47t; Wayne Baines 339; Nicholas Thompson 30b (in memory of Bryan Thompson); Stanley Smith 53; Mark Davis 567; Henry McGuire 532; Matt Hinton, Erica Hinton, Anna Hinton, and Lottie Hinton 228; Edith Eddins, Ezra Eddins, Eli Eddins, and Ewan Eddins 445; Daniel Williams and Samuel Williams 160b; Abigail Cannon 328; Rodney Ivey, Reba Windom, and Shelby Castillo 299 (in memory of Deb Morton). Announcements were made.

Chris Ballinger and Lisa Geist led 46 as the closing song. Steve Killingsworth offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Chris Ballinger; Vice Chairman—Lisa Geist; Secretary—Nicholas Thompson

## BREMEN SHENANDOAH HARMONY SINGING Bremen, Germany

Saturday, November 1, 2025

All song selections are from the *Shenandoah Harmony* (ShH).

The 2nd *Shenandoah Harmony* Singing in the North of Germany was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November at Gemeinschaftshaus der Kleingaertnergemeinschaft Eiche e.V. in Bremen, Germany. The class was called to order by Caro Stamm-Reusch leading 1b. The chair, Rike Fischer, welcomed the class.

Leaders: Constantin Dorsch 287; Anne Eringa 114; Paul Kolenbrander 80; Gerben Vos 5t; Johannes Kunst 53; Mathias Ghesquiere 25; Jasmina Graf 132; Ulla Schlobohm 260t; Elisabeth Schallwig 125; Ulrike Tietjen 227; Fynn Titford-Mock 124; Rike Fischer 0; Constantin Dorsch 101; Caro Stamm-Reusch 66; Anne Eringa 424b.

#### RECESS

Ulrike Tietjen called the class to order leading 7t. Leaders: Mathias Ghesquiere 38; Marcos Sullivan 444t; Johannes Kunst 120t; Matthew Lawson 429b; Gerben Vos 68; Paul Kolenbrander 402; Ulla Schlobohm 404t; Jasmina Graf 27; Elisabeth Schallwig 351; Ulrike Tietjen 137; Caro Stamm-Reusch 282; Rike Fischer 15; Fynn Titford-

Mock 77; Anne Eringa 171; Constantin Dorsch 326b; Mathias Ghesquiere 57; Marcos Sullivan 177; Johannes Kunst 403.

#### LUNCH

Gerben Vos called the class to order leading 113. Leaders: Paul Kolenbrander 364b; Anne Eringa 254; Ulla Schlobohm 264b; Jasmina Graf 79; Matthew Lawson 384; Elisabeth Schallwig 67; Ulrike Tietjen 285; Fynn Titford-Mock 69; Rike Fischer 18b; Marcos Sullivan 140b; Caro Stamm-Reusch 322; Constantin Dorsch 381; Mathias Ghesquiere 73; Gerben Vos 310; Johannes Kunst 200; Paul Kolenbrander 434t; Anne Eringa 13b.

#### RECESS

Harald Grundner called the class to order leading 204. Leaders: Jasmina Graf 122; Elisabeth Schallwig 106; Anne Eringa 136; Ulrike Tietjen 307; Fynn Titford-Mock 422; Rike Fischer 389; Caro Stamm-Reusch 340b; Constantin Dorsch 70t; Janna Vallori 4t; Johannes Kunst 41; Marcos Sullivan 363; Matthew Lawson 243; Gerben Vos 246b; Elisabeth Schallwig 251.

Chair Rike Fischer thanked all who helped to make the singing a success. Paul Kolenbrander gave the Secretary's report stating that twenty-three singers representing five different countries sang sixty-eight songs. The Treasurer reported that all expenses had been met. Announcements were made.

Chair—Rike Fischer; Secretary—Paul Kolenbrander

### **DALLAS SINGING (2025 EDITION)** **Cochran Chapel United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas**

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

The annual Dallas All-Day Sacred Harp singing was held on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Tristan Gordon leading 56t. The opening prayer was offered by Ivy Hauser-Hall.

Leaders: Sonia Chin 33b; Stina Soderling 30t; Donald Ross 514; Michael McBride 201; Diane Ross 438; Ivy Hauser-Hall 67; Findley Ross 276; Jerry Ryan 571; Larkin Ross 146; Tammy Powell 544; Robert Handel 575; Ryan Ross 137; Allison Langston 570; Garrett Powell 282; Elze Hamilton 497t; Owen Ross 255; Kristie Powell 207; Greg Freed 154; Sal Bautista 563.

#### RECESS

Silas Huckaby brought the class back to order leading 58. On behalf of the Dallas singers, Donald Owen presented a 2025 edition Sacred Harp to Nita Barnett in memory of her husband Ray Barnett and to thank her for her donation of new loaners to the local singing. Leaders: Tom Owen 334; Cory Winter 244; Beverly Coates 484t; Jordan Langhennig 48b; Leland Ross and Findley Ross 277; Sarah McIntush 527; Jason Steiner and Perry Prim 178; Abby Huckaby 564; Rowan Marye 461; Caleb Hatch 272; John Hoerr 357; Gaylon Powell 525; Ellen Ray 130; Ryan Lewis 122. Ryan Lewis led the blessing for the mid-day meal.

#### LUNCH

The afternoon session began with Ryan Lewis leading 73b. Leaders: Cory Winters 433; Kristie Powell 500; Brody Ross and Larkin Ross 40; Tammy Powell 454; Silas Huckaby 376; Olivia Powell 236; Tom Owen 420t; Kevin Powell 535; Allison Langston 362; John Hoerr 198; Beverly Coates 115; Robert Handel 112; Abby Huckaby 428; Caleb Hatch 312b; Ray Quigley 84.

Kristie Powell directed the sick and shut-in lesson, and led 467 for the housebound. Owen Ross conducted the memorial lesson, and led 118 in memory of the deceased. He closed the lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Donna McKay 86; Rowan Marye 99.

#### RECESS

Ivy Hauser-Hall called the class to order leading 35. Leaders: Jordan Langhennig 532; Greg Freed 445; Elze Hamilton 354t; Jason Steiner 480; Sarah McIntush 516; Gaylon Powell 452t; Ellen Ray 531; Diane Ross and Owen Ross 543; Kevin Powell 200; Garrett Powell 288; Sonia Chin 402; Olivia Powell 384; Michael McBride 547; Sal Bautista 49t; Donald Ross and Ryan Ross 273; Ivy Hauser-Hall and Stina Soderling 478. Announcements were made.

Tristan Gordon led 48t as the closing song. Donald Ross gave the closing prayer. Chairperson—Tristan Gordon; Vice Chair—Sonia Chin; Secretary—Stina Soderling

**DENNEY MEMORIAL (2025 EDITION)**  
**Carrollton, Carroll County, Georgia**  
**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

The annual Denney Memorial Sacred Harp singing was held at Emmaus Primitive Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. Kacey Cook acted as chair in lieu of Wyatt Denney's tardiness. Kacey welcomed the singers, announced restroom locations, and the availability of 2025 Edition books for purchase or loan.

Kacey Cook and Karis Booth called the class to order by leading 448t. Lee Denney offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Wyatt Denney 100; Karis Booth 225b; David Brodeur 515; Scott DePoy and Glen DeMeritt 277; Philip Langley 317; Lee Denney 84; Bill Dupre 29t; Robert Chambliss 72b; Glenda Collins 77t; Shawn Taylor 332; Karen Rollins 334; Matt Hinton 499t; Winfred Kerr 59; Maygan Barker 135; Sheri Taylor 162; Bert Collins 300; David Smead 531; Jack Nelson 480; Laura Wood 461; Andy Ditzler and Aidan Frame 146; Wyatt Denney 37b.

**RECESS**

Wyatt Denney brought the class back to order leading 65. Leaders: Lisa Bennett 242; Nathan Rees 451.

In a business session the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—Karis Booth; Vice Chair—Kacey Cook; Secretary—Laura Wood. The class resolved to meet again next year. The business meeting was closed.

Leaders: Grace Holleran 488; David Ivey 513; James Burrell and Glen DeMeritt 129; Donna Wootten 274t.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Karen Rollins and Denney Rogers. Karen read the following names of the sick and shut-ins: Joyce Walton, Karleen Williams, Sherry Lovvorn, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Don Bowen, Nate Green, Wanda Capps, Betty Shepherd, Teresa Parker, and Walter Purcell. She then read the following names of the deceased: Buell Cobb, Mike Hinton, Lucy Hiedorn, Grady Burgess, Lincoln Kenneth Ward, Michael Musick, and Deb Morton. Karen and Denney led 45t and closed the memorial service.

Leaders: Jeannette DePoy 460; Denney Rogers 318; James George 297; Esther Morgan-Ellis 570; Cameron Adams 51; Rodney Ivey 426b; Pam Nunn 189; Shane Wootten 160t. Keith Horsley offered prayer to bless the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Karis Booth leading 345t. Leaders: Tom George 258; Blake Sisemore 544; Bridge Hill Kennedy 115; Tim Gregg 524; Esther Morgan-Ellis 571; Shane Wootten 219; Sarah George 541; Reba Windom 142; Elene Stovall 264; Erica Hinton 266; Levi Trumbore 209; Cheyenne Ivey 255; Sasha Hsuczyk 214; Lauren Bach 419; Lauren Bach 254 (by request from Judy Chambliss); David Ivey 409; Andy Ditzler 429; Lisa Bennett 484b; Tom George 293; Grace Holleran 42; David Smead 257; Blake Sisemore 81t; Elene Stovall and Reba Windom 299; Shawn Taylor 514; Tim Gregg 494; Bridge Hill Kennedy 381; Sarah George 512; Maygan Barker and Andy Ditzler 338.

Karis Booth and Kacey Cook led 87 as the closing song. Announcements were made. Bill Dupre offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed. Chair—Karis Booth; Vice Chair—Kacey Cook; Secretary—Laura Wood

**HYDE PARK SINGING (2025 EDITION)**  
**St. Paul & The Redeemer Episcopal Church, Chicago, Illinois**  
**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

The 25th session of the Hyde Park All-Day Singing met at St. Paul & the Redeemer Episcopal Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Ginny Landgraf leading 77b. Jim Swanson offered the opening prayer. Both *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* and the *Missouri Harmony* (MH) were used.

Leaders: Rosie Sokolov 48t; Randy Neufeld 29t; Samuel Sommers 357; Ethan Archer-Helke 296; Jim Helke 89 (MH); Steve Warner 475; Shawn Fenton 480; Erik Schwab 78; Jim Swanson 130; Mary Rogel 461 (for Jerry Gripshover). A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Chairperson—Eileen Ferguson; Vice Chair—Matthew Siefert; Treasurer—Randy Neufeld; Secretary—Rosie Sokolov.

RECESS

Randy Neufeld led 32t to call the class back to order. Leaders: Eileen Ferguson 472; Anne Heider 386; Rosie Sokolov 128; Susan Geil 484t; Daron Douglas 146; Jo Dell Albi 413; Randy Neufeld 99; Mark Bowman 344; Ginny Landgraf 131 (MH); Samuel Sommers 244; Ethan Archer-Helke 535; Jim Helke 145 (MH); Terry Cunningham 151 (MH); Steve Warner 86; Shawn Fenton 127 (MH); Erik Schwab 463; Jim Swanson 169.

RECESS

Mary Rogel called the class back together by leading 1 (MH). Leaders: Matthew Siefert 570; Eileen Ferguson 51 (MH); Anne Heider 528; Rosie Sokolov 337; Susan Geil 565b; Terry Cunningham 148; Daron Douglas 423t; Jo Dell Albi 513; Randy Neufeld 111 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 330b; June Murphy 520; Mark Bowman 485; Samuel Sommers 444; Ethan Archer-Helke 503; Jim Helke 35 (MH); Rosemary Wexler 112; Shawn Fenton 39t. Jim Swanson offered a blessing for dinner and led 164 (MH).

LUNCH

Jim Swanson led 106 to call the class back together after dinner. Leaders: Mary Rogel 218 (at the request of Jerry Gripshover); Eileen Ferguson 501b; Rosie Sokolov 437; Anne Heider 163t; Terry Cunningham 107; June Murphy 516; Jo Dell Albi 484b; Randy Neufeld 526; Ginny Landgraf 420t; Rochelle Lodder 381; Erik Schwab 179; Samuel Sommers 386; Ethan Archer-Helke 278b; Jim Helke 142 (MH); Mark Bowman 454; Steve Warner 203; Shawn Fenton 460; Rosemary Wexler 417; Jim Swanson 491; Mary Rogel 121 (MH); Eileen Ferguson 135; Rosie Sokolov 145t.

RECESS

Anne Heider led 34b. Leaders: Susan Geil 177 (MH); Terry Cunningham 63; Randy Neufeld 175 (MH); Ginny Landgraf 6 (MH); Samuel Sommers 51; Ethan Archer-Helke 39b; Jim Helke 160 (MH); Mark Bowman 178t; Erik Schwab 36b; Steve Warner 547; Shawn Fenton 73t; Rosemary Wexler 182; Jim Swanson 242; Mary Rogel 347b; Eileen Ferguson 171; Rosie Sokolov 34t. Announcements on upcoming singings were made.

Eileen Ferguson led 95 and 347t as the closing lesson. The class was dismissed by prayer offered by Jim Swanson.

Chairperson—Eileen Ferguson; Vice Chair—Matthew Siefer; Secretary—Rosie Sokolov

## **JAMES RIVER CONVENTION (2025 EDITION)**

**St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia**

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

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 102. Sandra Polaski offered the opening prayer.

A business meeting was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chair—McEver Dugan; Vice Chair—Adrienne Robertson; Secretary—Jordan Albright; Treasurer—Lois Badey; Arranging committee—Pat Temple and Matt Robertson; Chaplin—Sandra Polaski. The business session was closed.

Leaders: Adrienne Robertson 474; Kevin Slaughter 388; McEver Dugan 268; Lois Badey 28b; Pat Temple 34b; Sandra Polaski 344; Nora Miller 295; Jim Glaser 39b; Elena Conway 118; Lindsey Falbo 171; Alexa Silverman 196; Chris Wolf 531; Mihn Nguyen 133.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Nora Miller leading 17 (ShH). Leaders: Evan Herr 243 (ShH); John Alexander 22b (ShH); Michael Wiebe 132 (ShH); Matt Roberts 78 (ShH); Emily Altman 9t (ShH).

Sandra Polaski gave the memorial lesson leading 296 (ShH) in memory of the following deceased: Buell Cobb—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; Hank Schutz—Virginia.

Sandra led 404t (ShH) in honor of the following people who are sick and homebound: Blake Morris, Robert Greenberg, Jamie Agins, and Roxanne Greenbert. Leaders: Kelly Macklin 167 (ShH); Landon Peer 41 (ShH); Bridget Camden 118 (ShH); John del Re 130 (ShH); David Shulman 48 (ShH).

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Chris Wolf and Elena Conway leading 56b. Leaders: Leyland del Re 487; Clare Chapin 486; Cheri Neilson 505; Mark Mumford and Adrienne Robertson 29b; Jim Glaser 539; Lindsey Falbo 484t; Nora Miller 130; Alexa Silverman 567; Chris Wolf 464; Mihn Nguyen 357. Sandra Polaski asked a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with David Shulman leading 3b (ShH). Leaders: Lois Badey 157 (ShH); Elena Conway 187 (ShH); Theano Mavroidis and Matt Ference 242 (ShH); McEver Dugan 170 (ShH); Adrienne Robertson 81 (ShH); Kevin Slaughter 260t (ShH); Lois Badey 155 (ShH); John Alexander 438t (ShH); Matt Ference 270 (ShH); Michael Wiebe 287 (ShH); Matt Roberts 195 (ShH); Emily Altman 77 (ShH); Kelly Macklin 257 (ShH); Landon Peer 35 (ShH); Bridget Camden 3t (ShH); John del Re 363 (ShH); David Shulman 197 (ShH); Leyland del Re 98 (ShH); Clare Chapin 114 (ShH); Cheri Neilson 285 (ShH); Jim Glaser 446t (ShH); Lindsey Falbo 321b (ShH); Nora Miller 410 (ShH).

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Landon Peer leading 428. Leaders: Lyn Koehnline 115; Pat Temple 312t; John Alexander 33b; Leyland del Re 420t; Adrienne Robertson 264; Rachel Mann 546; Mihn Nguyen 459; Chris Wolf 257; Elena Conway 242; John del Re 557; Landon Peer 413; John del Re 366; Cheri Neilson 355; Adrienne Robertson 256; Nora Miller 562; Clare Chapin 563; Lindsey Falbo 507; Matt Ference 161.

Evan Herr led “Gratitude” by Amos F. Herr as the closing song. Sandra Polaski offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—McEver Dugan; Vice Chairperson—Adrienne Robertson; Secretary—Jordan Albright

## LONDON SACRED HARP SINGING (2025 EDITION)

London, United Kingdom

Saturday, November 1, 2025

The first day of the 17th annual London Double All-Day Singing met at Highgate United Reformed Church on the first Saturday in November. The class sang from *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition*. The class was called to order by Francis Zain leading 171. Jessica Beer offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Arthur Swindells 59; Alexa Tucker-Lemon 515; Susanne Rolli 524; Teresa Maguire 36b; Ted Simonds 30b; Fiona Byrne 516; Constance Des Marais 192; Francis Gaskin 282; Scarlett Lassoff 472; Nick Hall 455; Wa'el Qasim 448t; Amy Cutts 504; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 72b; Peter Banks 461; Katya Hills 178t; Lucia Della-Savina 317; Stacy Hackner 256; Morgan Kist 503; Francesca Hawker 141; Dan Collier 276; Clara Potter-Sweet 74t; Toby Goss 484t.

### RECESS

The class was called to order by John Hutchinson leading 201. Leaders: Joe Vickers 458; Brady Santoro 444; Maria Paz 350; Agata Genissel 287; Ben White 460; Ted Simonds and Fiona Byrne 569b; Ollie Hawker 235; Hannah Land 255; David Gorman 334; Seth Dickens 264; Inga Buckland 570; Eloise Clarke 330b; Beatrix 117; Katie Lloyd-Davison and Paul Zaba 38b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Peter Banks. Constance Des Marais read the following names on the sick and housebound list: Werner Kist, Heather Prescott, Pete Eiseman-Renyard, Frank Luck, Helen Bushell, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Mary McCann, Elinor Le Roche, Jonathan James, Alison Jones, Cäcilia Mann, Kate Fine, Adam Barnes, Helen Brown, and Stephanie Carson.

James Harvey read the following names of the deceased: Jim Clemons—Exeter, UK; Sue Goss—Harbury, UK; John Neal—Hastings, UK; Robbie Clear—Littlehampton, UK; Rob Mahoney—Goring-by-Sea, UK; Steve Biggs—Brighton, UK; Isaac Arlan Ingle-Gillis—Rogiet, Wales; Keelan Shorten—Cork, Ireland; Stefania

Plócienniczak—Poland; Jean Bowton—Witney, UK; Barbara Waite—Galicia, Spain; Johnny Steingold—London, UK; Sheila Jones—Isle of Wight; Jenny Tunnicliffe—London, UK; Noel Winter—Bexhill, UK; Janet Webb—Surrey, UK; Ananda Sanches—Barcelona, Spain; Joseph Walker—Mexico; Bill Heyer—Illinois, USA; Peter Amidon—Vermont, USA; Emilia Adams—California, USA; Buell Cobb—Alabama, USA; Mike Hinton—Texas, USA; Tom Lehrer—Massachusetts, USA. Peter then led 338.

Leaders: Phil Atherton 254; Sheila Girling MacAdam 561; Emily Spademan 40; James Harvey 366; Derek Buckland 51; Joyce Smith 322; Greg Carson 547; Bridget McVennon Morgan 383; Joe Jones 531. Grace was said by Peter Banks.

### LUNCH

Steve Brett called the class to order leading 219. Leaders: William Cleary 429; Jacoba Bruneel 259; Martel Reynolds 130; Michael Walker 544; Ella Wagner 95; Ed Johnson Williams 437; Edwin Macadam 198; Sophia lockhart 184; Tom Sprackland 115; John Bealle 242; Erin Johnson-Williams 451; Rowan Simms 188; Billy Harvell-Smith 398; Sebastian Maine 562; Robin Bisson 571; Rachel Jordan 189; Samuel Baumen 333; Barry Parsons 160b; Harley Jones 277; Chris Noren 535; Will Spenhof 480; Matthew Parkinson 244; Eloise Clarke 118; Michael Walker 55.

### RECESS

Nick Hall called the class to order leading 63. Leaders: Brady Santoro 185; Paul Zaba 245; Leilai Immel-Parkinson 345b; Nick Granata 159; Sheila Girling MacAdam 183; Joss Tait 74b; John Bealle 169; Clara Potter-Sweet 426t; Edwin Macadam 236; Joe Jones 354t; Lucia Della-Savina 35; Derek Buckland 70b; Hannah Land 475; Toby Goss 49b; Constance Des Marais 81b; Tom Sprackland 178b; Seth Dickens 413; Sebastian Maine 367; Billy Harvell-Smith 270; James Harvey 215.

Notices were announced. There were one hundred and twelve registered singers from seven countries, including three US States. Seventy-five leaders directed ninety-five songs.

Francis Zain and Arthur Swindells led 62 as the closing song. Seth Dickenson offered the closing prayer.

Chair—Francis Zain; Vice Chair—Arthur Swindells; Secretary—Alexa Tucker-Lemon

**HOLLY SPRINGS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
(2025 EDITION)  
Bremen, Georgia**

**Sunday, November 2, 2025**

The annual Sacred Harp singing was held at Holly Springs Primitive Baptist Church, south of Bremen, Georgia, on the first Sunday in November. At 10:00 a.m., Nathan Rees called the class to order by leading 50t. Bill DuPre offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Nathan Rees 50b; Andy Ditzler 449; Shawn Taylor 37t; Phillip Langley 366; David Brodeur 219; Winfred Kerr 517; Bill DuPre 115; Maygan Barker 223; Sheri Taylor 224; Glenda Collins 45t; John Plunkett 80t; Robert Chambliss 225t; Lela Crowder 68b; Cecil Roberts 410t (in honor of Barbara Brooks); Lisa Bennett 161; Jane Cannon 334; Donna Bell 340 (in memory of Carrie Garner); Laura Wood 178t; Matt Hinton 453; Judy Mincey 41; Tim Gregg 357.

**RECESS**

Andy Ditzler called the class back to order by leading 111t. Sasha Hsuczyk led 36b. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Shane Brown; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees. Andy Ditzler was appointed Secretary. Shawn Taylor was appointed to arrange.

Leaders: Bert Collins 35; James George and Lottie Hinton 300; Jerusha Wheeler 107; Esther Morgan-Ellis 516; Tom George 558; David Ivey 502; Bridge Hill Kennedy 484t; Karen Rollins 130; David Smead 478; Anna Hinton 453; Blake Sisemore 78; Levi Trumbore 531; Erica Hinton 353; Pam Nunn 200; Sarah George 422; Reba Windom 434. Cecil Roberts asked a blessing before the noon meal.

**LUNCH**

Shawn Taylor called the class back to order by leading 40. Leaders: Maygan Barker and David Brodeur 268; Lisa Bennett 487; David Ivey 116; Tim Gregg 184; Blake Sisemore 420t; Esther Morgan-Ellis 263; David Brodeur 295; Bridge Hill Kennedy 231; Matt Hinton 228; Jane Cannon 527; Paul Jarrell 364; Sasha Hsuczyk 511; Levi Trumbore 472; Sheri Taylor and Laura Wood 347b; Judy Mincey 54; Jerusha Wheeler 566; Anna Hinton 203; Sarah George 564; Phillip Langley 256; David Smead 264; Erica Hinton 492; Bert Collins and Glenda Collins 454. Announcements were made.

Nathan Rees led 575 as the closing song, and Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Shane Brown; Vice Chairman—Nathan Rees; Secretary—Andy Ditzler

**STAPLEFORD SINGING (2025 EDITION)  
Stapleford Baptist Church, Stapleford, Nottingham  
United Kingdom  
November 8, 2025**

The Stapleford All-Day Singing was held at Stapleford Baptist Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Helen Brown leading the song on page 27b. Jonathan Stanyon gave the opening prayer. Leaders: Vicki Elliott 34b; Lee Dunleavy 135; Werner Ullah 29t; Ann Thelwell 39t; Ian West 54; Anne Foulkes 448b; Chris Noren 564; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 420t; Jo Kay 86; Chris Coombs 122; Joyce Smith 283; Tom Sprackland 123b; Inga Buckland

243; John Sprackland 47b; Josh Lant 516; Sophie Lockhart 499t; Matthew Parkinson 539; Ed Johnson-Williams 160t; Sheila Girling Macadam 451.

#### RECESS

William Cleary reconvened the class leading 31b. Leaders: Steve Brett 469; Phil Tyler 573; Joe Vickers and Jon Lander 565b; Katie Ahern 528; Derek Buckland 497b; Michael Walker 219; Hannah Land 471; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 437.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Lee Dunleavy who spoke about love, community and remembrance. The names of the following sick and housebound were read: Kate Fine, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Seth Dickens, Adam Barnes, Jane Gregory, Cacilia Mann, Bridget McVennon Morgan, and Cath Tyler.

The following deceased were named and honoured: Peter Amidon, Emilia Adams, Joseph Walker, Ross Bofinger, Buell Cobb, Mike Hinton, Lucy Heidorn, Simon White, Constanze Dennis, Olive Gibson, Steve Biggs, Rob Mahoney, Neill Thompson, Ellen Bainbridge, Lynne Denman, Anita de Lotbiniere, Mary Pateman, Martin Coll, Peter Dalby, Carolyn Ashford-Russell, Bernard Collard, Jean Barton, Sue Goss, Michael Kennedy, Rita Ahern, Chris Stadward, Janet Webb, and Cassie Nock. Lee Dunleavy led 159 for all those named, and then closed the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Barry Parsons 459; Edwin Macadam 393; Helen Brown 188; Ian West 51; Joyce Smith 306; Chris Noren 570; Josh Lant 434. Grace for the midday meal was offered by John Baldini.

#### LUNCH

The singing was reconvened by Steve Brett leading 526. Leaders: Werner Ullah 282; Jo Kay 372; William Cleary 258; Ann Thelwell 72b; Chris Coombs 430; Anne Foulkes 147t; John Sprackland 268; Vicki Elliott 453; Matthew Parkinson 259; Sheila Girling Macadam 524; Ed Johnson-Williams 48t; Inga Buckland 223; Tom Sprackland 326; Katie Ahern 544; Joe Vickers 426b; Sophie Lockhart 206; Michael Walker 502; Hannah Land 254; Phil Tyler 130; Ted Brown 97; Barry Parsons 409.

#### RECESS

The singing was reconvened by Joe Vickers leading 525. Leaders: Derek Buckland 452t; Edwin Macadam 461; Lee Dunleavy 244; Helen Brown and Jon Lander 501t; Joyce Smith 256; Oisin Kisdon-Ireland 404; Inga Buckland 571; Ann Thelwell 81t; Werner Ullah 457; William Cleary 487; Michael Walker 111b; Steve Brett 255; Phil Tyler 520; Katie Ahern 472; Ed Johnson-Williams 99.

Helen Brown led 347t as the closing song. William Cleary dismissed the class with prayer.

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

## **ALL-WISCONSIN SHAPE NOTE SINGING (2025 EDITION) Milwaukee Friends (Quaker) Meetinghouse, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Saturday, November 8, 2025**

The All-Wisconsin Shape Note Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Scott Stieg leading 49t. Carol Crawford offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Myles Alexander 27t; Jeanette Nelson 183; Steve Lutinen 107; Thad Walker 150; Peter Bradley 228; Christine Stevens 372; Carl Houtman 148; Matt Wells 544; Jim Helke and Steven T. Schmidgall 496; Adrian Eldridge 528; John Wiens 168; Ben Bedroske 300; Alice Bean 347b; Cathy Lutz 176b; Hans Guttmann 37b; Shirley Figura 229; John Schley 503.

#### RECESS

Devin Scherck brought the class back together by leading 348b. Leaders: Eleanor Haase 454; Rosie Sokolov 138b; Denise Kania 192; James Page “Castle Peak”; Micah

Sommersmith 276; Eileen Ferguson 501b; Ginny Landgraf 367; Ben Crawford 448b; John Boyland 178t; Steven T. Schmidgall 130; Paul Figura 469; Nancy Parsons 112; Steve Warner 81t; Luke Patterson 67; John Stevens 84; Rahel Hunter 520.

#### RECESS

Matt Wells recalled the class by leading 49b. Leaders: Randy Neufeld 334; Jim Crawford 484b; Mark Bowman 344; Lois Kiser 272; Jim Pfau 328; Rosemary Wexler 312b; Anne Heider 532; Scott Stieg 455; Devin Scherck 34t; Jeanette Nelson 504; Nancy Parsons 142.

#### LUNCH

Lois Kiser called the afternoon session to order by leading 146. Leaders: Matt Wells 484t; Shirley Figura 213t; Rosie Sokolov 400; Casey Coolidge 128; Ginny Landgraf 256; Carol Crawford 373; Jeannine Daugherty and Addison Oakes Daugherty 159; Rahel Hunter 390; Thad Walker 66; Christine Stevens 485.

The memorial lesson was conducted by John Schley. In honor and love, John led 38b for the following sick and shut-ins: Diane Weste, Kathryn Wyatt, Kay Kracht, Joel Setterholm and Carolyn Setterholm. John led 45t in memory of the following deceased: Judy Morrell—Virginia; James Schnars III—New York; Johanna Fabke, Mikalah Fallon, and Danny Fallon—Wisconsin; Jeff Bell—Minnesota; Buell Cobb—Alabama; Mike Hinton—Texas; Ed Oliver. Carol Crawford ended the memorial lesson with prayer.

Leaders: Micah Sommersmith 163b; James Page 209; Steve Lutinen 278t; Jim Crawford 195; Randy Neufeld 524.

#### RECESS

Myles Alexander led 39t to bring the class back together. Leaders: Adrian Eldridge 198; Carl Houtman 86; Ori Stieg and Carol Crawford 27b; Jim Helke 48b; Myles Alexander 548; Steve Warner and Anne Heider 475; Ben Bedroske 299; Peter Bradley 444; Hannah Lutz 217; Paul Figura 38t; Luke Patterson 47b; Alice Bean 335; Steven T. Schmidgall 461; Rosemary Wexler 196; Eleanor Haase 327; Eileen Ferguson 547; Denise Kania 430.

Following thanks and announcements, the class sang 347t, and those who wished took the parting hand. The class was dismissed with prayer offered by Carol Crawford.

Chair—Myles Alexander; Treasurer—Jim Crawford; Secretary—Hannah Lutz

## BERKSHIRE FOOTHILLS SINGING (2025 EDITION)

Ashfield Town Hall, Ashfield, Massachusetts

Saturday, November 8, 2025

The annual Berkshire Foothills All-Day Singing was held on Saturday before the second Sunday in November at the Town Hall in Ashfield, Massachusetts. Anuhea Sebstad called the class to order by leading 171. Matthew Leger Small offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Linnea McChesney 59; Madeline Endres 270; Kate Bergren 228; John Holbrook 115; Rebecca Hawkins 45t; Margaret Youngberg 54; Will Harron 334; Lorelei Oslund 82t; Linda Shea 318; Jeremy Galvagni 40; Joel Newberger 37b. Tim Eriksen led a Historian's Lesson, discussing the history of Sacred Harp in the Ashfield area.

#### RECESS

Matthew Leger Small called the class back together by leading 111b. Leaders: Holly Laws 564; Sally Langendorf and Victoria Brown 105; Rick Johnston 501t; Bill Holt 255; Crispin Youngberg 116; Mary Skidmore 487; Michaela Natal 219; Wendy Sibbison 425; John Davis 276; Tarik Wareh 254; Mike Richards, Laura Hodges, and Hazel Hodges 250; Richard Schmeidler 474; Marlena Ospina 514; Joan Frankel 284; Jean Seiler and Joanne Fuller 229.

## RECESS

Kit Walsh called the class back together by leading 55. Leaders: Micah John Walter 419; Joan Nagy 531; Myles Louis Dakan 231; Kerry Cullinan 118; Michael Ipsen 357; George Sigut 178t; Sid Quinsaat 70b.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Joel Newberger and Christine Andrews. Joel Newberger read the names of sick and shut-ins including Rio Seiler, Isabel Linhares, Alec Collins, Harriet Coppock-Hart, Dan Coppock-Hart, Francis Coppock-Hart, Margot Coppock-Hart, Greta Holbrook, Elizabeth Hodges, Tom Waggenes, Brenda Waters, G.C. Waldrep, David Booher, Pastor Brad Crump, Roxanne Gallerie, Jeanene Sebstad, Amy Frankel, Bob Frankel, John Stetson, and Bea Kee. He then led 34t.

Christine Andrews read the names of the deceased, and then led 367 in their memory. The list of the deceased included Susie McIntosh, Caroline Jennings, Mary Shattuck, Andrew Van Pragh—Massachusetts; Alice Bejnar—Florida; Cecily Pilzer, Joanne Cooke—Maryland; Buell Cobb—Alabama; Sally Gethner Handler—Illinois; Dan Phemayotin—New Jersey; Grady Wade Denney Burgess, James “Jimmy” Abington—Georgia; Corrone Bryant—Maine and Florida; Phil Perrin—North Carolina; Mike Hinton—Texas; Peter Amidon—Vermont; Sarah Jane Elliot—Maine; Barrie Jane Kintner—Pennsylvania; Cate Skidmore—New York; and Donna Moke—Hawaii. Matthew Leger Small closed the memorial lesson with a prayer.

Leaders: Angela Ruggiero-Corliss 114; Owen Stoddard 187. Matthew Leger Small led a prayer before the meal.

## LUNCH

Anuhea Sebstad called the class back together by leading 81t. Leaders: Peter Irvine and Kate Bergren 193; Barbara Swetman 211; Sam Kleinman 189; Sage Chase-Dempsey 442; Robert Stoddard 430; Guy Bankes 444; Emma Rose Brown 558; Rachel Hall 356; Tim Gregg 223; Jasmine Mendoza 169; Elizabeth Stoddard 395; Sara Sandberg 475; Chris Cotter 314; Pattie Wareh 472; Jon Adler 322; Diedra Montgomery 263; Elsa Phemayotin 83b; Jaime Piedra 507; Eric Sandberg 244; Tim Eriksen 435; Daniel Zaloum 436; Juliet McFadden 29t; Sam Dembling 426t.

## RECESS

MB Gowins called the class back together by leading 176t. Leaders: Susannah Hoffman and Becca Hawkins 159; Harry Bernholz 508; Larry Bingham 131t; Gwen Gethner 561; Sebastian Beaghen 271b; Amy Findlay 168; Erin Fulton 569t (in memory of Grady Wade Denney); Neve Jahn 299; Eleanor Womack 352; Sue Peters and Jan Robinson 97; Marie Brandis 516; Christopher Kain 467; Jamie Dye and Peter Irvine 387; Chris Geissler 130; Tim Wheeler 335; Charles Biada 300; Brian Zayatz 56b; Michael Nord 142; Becky Wright 161; Laura Clampitt 501b; Jennie Brown and Leonie Browns 460.

A business meeting was held to hear reports from various committees. The treasurer, Wendy Sibbison, reported that all expenses were met. Marie Brandis of the resolutions committee resolved that we will meet again on the Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The secretary reported that the class sang eighty-six songs, led by ninety-one leaders. The class was of size one hundred thirty-seven, with members representing ten states.

Anuhea Sebstad, Linnea McChesney, Madeline Endres, and Wendy Sibbison led 146 as the class shook the parting hand. Matthew Leger Small offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Anuhea Sebstad; Vice Chair—Linnea McChesney; Secretary—Madeline Endres

## HELWIG-COGHLAN MEMORIAL SINGING (2025 EDITION)

California Historical Radio Society, Alameda, California

Saturday, November 8, 2025

The 5th annual Helwig-Coghlan Memorial All-Day Singing met at the California Historical Radio Society in Alameda, California, on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The class was called to order by Lindy Groening and Pat Coghlan leading 492. J.T. Harechmak offered the opening prayer.

The business meeting was held and the following slate of officers were appointed: Chairs—Pat Coghlan, Joe Coghlan, Lindy Groening; Secretaries—Leah Coffin, Helen Cepero; Treasurer—Dami Osoba; Chaplain—J.T. Harechmak; Registration—Yarrow Syskine; Resolutions—Maggie Zhou; Arranging Committee—Heather Purdy and Marc Lambert; Food—Hannah Blair; Beverages—Paul Hsi. A resolution was passed to use *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* for the singing, and the business meeting was suspended.

Leaders: Heather Purdy 39t; Leigh Cooper 55; Lena Strayhorn 484b; Anne Caswell 33b; Helen Cepero 334; Dami Osoba 487; Marc Lambert 84; Maggie Zhou and Veena Mukherzhou 105; Hannah Blair 357; Paul Hsi 47b; Hugh McGuire 41; Leah Coffin 531; Yarrow Syskine 130; Dave Barber 178b; Carolyn Deacy 182; Jenny Solheim 516.

RECESS

Hugh McGuire led 495 to bring the class together. Leaders: Linda Selph 381; Chris Thorman 484t; Lindy Groening 223; Ellen Lueck 37t; Thom Fahrbach 451; Nina Berry 45t; Mark Godfrey 413; Jennifer Jones 494; J.T. Harechmak 36t; Dill Ma 183; Sumie Arnold 524; Wren Hyde 561; Kate Coxon 78.

RECESS

The class was brought back to order by Leigh Cooper leading 32t. Leaders: Bob Schinske 526; Betsy Jeronen 256; Kate Fortin 255; Dave Barber 444; Hannah Blair 115; Anne Caswell 258; Dami Osoba 150; J.T. Harechmak and Peter Harechmak 31t; Lena Strayhorn 420t; Heather Purdy 270; Maggie Zhou 548; Carolyn Deacy 254; Marc Lambert 455; Jenny Solheim 463; Yarrow Syskine 410t; Leah Coffin 397; Helen Cepero 496; Thom Fahrbach 497b; Kate Coxon 483. J.T. Harechmak asked a blessing before dinner on the grounds.

LUNCH

J.T. Harechmak brought the class back to order leading 89. Leaders: Ellen Lueck 118; Betsy Jeronen 392; Joe Coghlan 501b; Pat Coghlan 214; Leigh Cooper 358; Bob Schinske 471; Sumie Arnold 551 (for Aida Veliz); Mark Godfrey 351; Paul Hsi 72b; Rebecca Edwards 393; Chris Thorman 288; Jennifer Jones 430; Dill Ma 315; Wren Hyde 166; Lindy Groening 116; Linda Selph 480; Kate Fortin 426b; Thom Fahrbach 80t; Kate Coxon 544; Jenny Solheim 367; Lena Strayhorn 70b; Hannah Blair 454; Dave Barber 64; Leah Coffin 449.

RECESS

Heather Purdy led 428 to bring the class together. Leaders: Rebecca Edwards 440; Dami Osoba 216; Bob Schinske 523; Wren Hyde 276; Anne Caswell 569b; Betsy Jeronen and Thom Fahrbach 225t; Yarrow Syskine 56b; Joe Coghlan 49b; Carolyn Deacy 201; Kate Fortin 528 (in memory of Steve Helwig); Ellen Lueck 520; Marc Lambert 112; Sumie Arnold 135; Jennifer Jones 224; Maggie Zhou 515; Linda Selph 217; Chris Thorman 280; Mark Godfrey 299.

The business meeting was reopened. The treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The secretaries reported that forty-four singers from three states were present, of which thirty-five singers led ninety-five songs. The Resolutions Committee thanked all who made the singing possible and resolved to meet again in 2026 on Saturday before the second Sunday in November. The business meeting was closed, and announcements were made.

Lindy Groening led 347t as the closing song. J.T. Harechmak dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairs—Pat Coghlan, Joe Coghlan, Lindy Groening; Secretaries—Leah Coffin, Helen Cepero

**IMMANUEL SINGING (2025 EDITION)**  
**Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

The 39th annual Immanuel Sacred Harp Singing was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Tim Reynolds leading 34b. Brandon Buxton gave the morning prayer. Leaders: Tim Reynolds 84; David Carlton 171, 256; Carol Wendt 176b, 80t; John Wendt 87, 229; Brandon Buxton 285b (in memory of his father who recently passed away), 30b; Zack Martin 32t, 146; Kathryn Buxton 81t, 47b; Joy Dunn 209, 284.

**RECESS**

Rick Fretter brought the class back together leading 479 and 350. Leaders: Thomas Hersey 72b, 141; Emily Stutzman 472, 547; Bill Denney 40, 143; Tim Reynolds 142, 268; Brandon Buxton 161, 334; Carol Wendt 575, 366; Kathryn Buxton 408, 68b.

**RECESS**

David Carlton brought the class back together leading 420t and 130. Leaders: Zack Martin 335, 354b; John Wendt 148, 461; Rick Fretter 299, 542.

**LUNCH**

Emily Stutzman called the class to order leading 33b. Leaders: Thomas Hersey 312b, 223; Bailey Pickens and Emily Stutzman 117; Joy Dunn 73b, 29t; Bill Denney 73t, 87; Tim Reynolds 278t; Carol Wendt 569b; Brandon Buxton 115; Kathryn Buxton 51; Zack Martin 119; Joy Dunn 454; Thomas Hersey 159; John Wendt 219; Kelli Joyce 178t; Bailey Pickens 282; David Carlton 487; Rick Fretter 86; Bill Denney and Emily Stutzman 122; Emily Stutzman 451; Kelli Joyce and Emily Stutzman 112. After announcements Tim Reynolds led 192 as the closing song. John Wendt dismissed the class with prayer.

Chairman—Tim Reynolds; Vice Chairman—David Carlton; Secretary—Carol Wendt

**MID-MICHIGAN NEW BOOK SINGING (2025 EDITION)**  
**Faith Lutheran Church, Okemos, Michigan**  
**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

The Mid-Michigan Sacred Harp Singers were called to order to celebrate the 2025 edition of *The Sacred Harp* by Chairman Bob Borcherding leading 28b. Will Fitzgerald offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Cecelia Kramer 39t; Hannah Resnick 117; Nancy Spates 472; John Fink 49b; Marian Mitchell 357; David Stowe 34b; Becca Harrington 539; Will Fitzgerald 507; Catherine Brown 350; Martha Beverly 171; Sarah Lynne Gershon 547; Zach Franklin 141; Liz Geaslin 255; Marjorie Harrington 130; Alexis Riley and Anne Missavage 59.

**RECESS**

The class was called back together by Nola Nielsen leading 86. Leaders: Gerald Shultz 347b; Hannah Resnick 223; Bob Borcherding 413; Nancy Spates 524; Marian Mitchell 41; John Fink 514; Cecelia Kramer 484t; Becca Harrington 267; Catherine Brown 84; David Stowe 504; Martha Beverly 494; Anne Missavage 256.

**RECESS**

The class was brought back to order by Bob Borcherding leading 34t. Leaders: Will Fitzgerald 51; Sarah Lynne Gershon 282; Emilie La Roux and Marjorie Harrington 277; Zach Franklin 366; Liz Geaslin 426b; Alexis Riley and Martha Beverly 128; Gerald Schultz 485. A prayer was offered by Will Fitzgerald.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Anne Missavage leading 155. Leaders: Bob Borcherding 516; Cecelia Kramer 71; John Fink 268; Marian Mitchell 55. Anne Missavage gave a treasurer's report and led 150.

Leaders: Nancy Spates and Nola Nielsen 469; Hannah Resnick 461; David Stowe 513; Catherine Brown 313b; Will Fitzgerald 87; Sarah Lynne Gershon 245; Becca Harrington 244.

## RECESS

The class was brought back together by Martha Beverly leading 216. Leaders: Zach Franklin 195; Marjorie Harrington 116; Liz Geaslin 106; Gerald Schultz 505; John Fink 183; Catherine Brown 66; Hanna Resnick 159 (in memory of her mother, Victoria Resnick); Sarah Lynne Gershon 48t; Gerald Schultz 40; Zach Franklin 236; Will Fitzgerald 78; Becca Harrington 257; Marjorie Harrington 348b; Martha Beverly 266. Announcements were made.

Chairman Bob Borcherding led 347t as the closing song. The closing prayer was offered by Will Fitzgerald, after which the class was dismissed.

Chair—Bob Borcherding; Secretary—Anne Missavage

## GEORGIAN HARMONY SINGING No. 3 Railroad Street, Arnoldsburg, Georgia Saturday, November 15, 2025

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 1. John Hollingsworth offered the opening prayer. Leaders: Bill Hollingsworth 4; Christy Sinksen 200; Shawn Taylor 76; Mary Baumeister 196; Esther Morgan-Ellis 2; John Plunkett 42; Chris Wilhelm 60; Jane Cannon 12; Maygan Barker 151; Shannon Primmm 22; Michael Spencer 233; Bill DuPre 8; Bill Hogan 86; Bill Hollingsworth 16; Christy Sinksen 140; Shawn Taylor 84; Mary Baumeister 204.

## RECESS

Bill Hollingsworth called the class to order leading 95 (for Mary Brownlee). Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 214; John Plunkett 92; Shannon Primmm 90; Chris Wilhelm 13; Jane Cannon 50; Maygan Barker 49; Michael Spencer 43; Bill DuPre 51; Oscar McGuire 26; Bill Hollingsworth 211; Shawn Taylor 114; Christy Sinksen 87; Bill Hogan 99; Mary Baumeister 98. Bill Hogan offered a blessing before the noon meal.

## LUNCH

The afternoon session was called to order by Bill Hollingsworth leading 29. Leaders: Esther Morgan-Ellis 128; John Plunkett 198; Chris Wilhelm 20; Shannon Primmm 63; Jane Cannon 236; Maygan Barker 109; Michael Spencer 208; Bill DuPre 15; Oscar McGuire 25; Jeremiah Ledbetter 34, 80; Bill Hollingsworth 152; Shawn Taylor 190; Christy Sinksen 252; Bill Hogan 206; Mary Baumeister 88; Jeremiah Ledbetter 30; Esther Morgan-Ellis 38; John Plunkett 36; Shannon Primmm 228; Chris Wilhelm 160; Jane Cannon 192; Maygan Barker 193; Michael Spencer 111; Bill DuPre 108; Oscar McGuire and Roger Stahl 9; Bill Hollingsworth 54 (by request of Angela Benton); John Plunkett 134 (by request of John Hollingsworth). Announcements were made. Bill Hollingsworth led 45 as the closing song. Bill DuPre offered the closing prayer. Chairman—Bill Hollingsworth; Vice Chairman—Michael Spencer; Secretary—Shawn Taylor

**WEST YORKSHIRE SINGING (2025 EDITION)**  
**Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Leeds, United Kingdom**  
**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

The 20th annual West Yorkshire All-Day Sacred Harp Singing was held once again in the parish centre of Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell. This was the first singing from the 2025 revision of the Sacred Harp. Richard Mayers began the day of singing by leading 102. Sophie Phipson offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Chris Noren 487; Anne Foulkes 34b; Chris Coombs 72b; Lucy Atkinson 531; Werner Ullah 49t; Joy Spreadborough 127; James Harvey 219; Ann Thelwell 270; Jan Geerts 81b; Sophie Lockhart 426t; Hannah Land 50t; Phil Tyler 515; Sheila Girling Macadam 330b; Shoya Itsuka 472; Jo Kay 323b; Vicki Elliott 366; Matthew Parkinson 213t.

**RECESS**

Chal Zon led 525 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Tom Sprackland 449; Harriet Monkhouse 271t; Chris Noren 508; Sophie Phipson 27b; Edwin Macadam 444; John Sprackland 566; Joy Spreadborough 61; Chris Coombs 475.

A lesson was given by Matthew Parkinson, who led 129 for the following sick and housebound: Nadia Bolz-weber, Kate Fine, Cath Tyler, Adam Barnes, Seth Dickins. Also remembered were the following deceased: Chris Stadward, Peter Amidon, Emilia Adams, Joyce Blakey, Rob Mahoney, Constanze Denis, Olive Gibson, Bernard Collard, Steve Biggs, Neill Thompson, Ellen Bainbridge, Lynne Denman, Anita de Lotbinière, Mary Pateman, Martin Coll, Peter Dalby, Carolyn Ashford-Russell, Buell Cobb, Mike Hinton, Jean Barton, and Sue Goss.

Leaders: Anne Foulkes 68b; Werner Ullah 457; Ann Thelwell 223; Lucy Atkinson 29t; Shoya Itsuka 282; Sheila Girling Macadam 115. Hilary Blake offered the blessing before the meal.

**LUNCH**

Chris Noren called the class to order by leading 32t. Leaders: Vicki Elliott 493; Phil Tyler 244; Sophie Lockhart 328; Tom Hallaren 324; Richard Mayers 264; Jo Kay 542; James Hartley 448t; Hannah Land 256; Jan Geerts 518; Edwin Macadam 550; Harriet Monkhouse 339; Tom Sprackland 80t; Chal Zon 153; Sophie Phipson 178t; John Sprackland 130; Matthew Parkinson 169; Anne Thelwell 547; James Roach 474.

**RECESS**

Tom Hallaren led 159 to bring the class to order. Leaders: Sheila Girling Macadam 367; Shoya Itsuka 279; Richard Mayers 528; Anne Foulkes 503; Chris Coombs 112; Lucy Atkinson 198; Chal Zon 143; James Roche 556; James Harvey 215; Hannah Land 463; Edwin Macadam 189; Jan Geerts 454; Jo Kay and John Sprackland 506; Joy Spreadborough 535; Phil Tyler 477; Sophie Phipson and Sophie Lockhart 235; Tom Sprackland 544; Harriet Monkhouse 455.

Hilary Blake gave the secretaries' report, stating that forty-two registered singers sang seventy-two songs, led by twenty-six leaders. Earlier in the day, Richard Mayers in his capacity as treasurer announced that the generosity of the previous year's collection had also met the cost of this year's singing with a further surplus of funds. This surplus will be put towards purchasing new copies of the 2025 revision for singers and singing groups who cannot afford their own. This had been the custom at this singing when it was in its previous home in Haworth. A further collection was taken for this effort; going forward any surplus of funds will be donated towards new books.

Richard Mayers closed the meeting by leading the song on page 267. John Sprackland offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chair—Richard Mayers; Secretaries—Hilary Blake and Jo Kay

## **WAKEFIELD MEMORIAL (1991 EDITION)**

**Natural Bridge, Alabama**

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

The 53rd 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 the Natural Bridge Community Center. Song selections were from the 1991 Edition of the Sacred Harp. The class was called to order by Glenn Keeton leading 59. Ken Tate offered the opening prayer.

A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve; Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging—Amber Davis.

Leaders: Butch White 84, 313b; Lisa Geist 540, 572; Amber Davis 49b (in memory of Murray Livingston), 402 (for Margaret Keeton); Debbie Hall 208, 426b; Mike Hankins 477, 527; Louise Yeager 503, 112; Doug Cantrell 490, 354b; Faye Donaldson 47t, 78.

### **RECESS**

The class was called back to order by Glenn Keeton leading 277. Leaders: Roma Rice 323b, 52t; Larry Wakefield 317, 569b; Laurie Keeton 480, 128; Philip Gilmore 47b, 456; Ru Perry-Mize 159, 481; Larry Ballinger 528, 551; Betty Baccus and Junior Poston 166 (in memory of Julie Poston), 168; Samuel Williams 502, 476; Wakefield siblings and descendants 333, 339, 45t. Philip Gilmore offered the blessing on the noon meal.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Butch White leading 547. Leaders: Chris Ballinger 424, 460; Theresa Westmoreland 234, 299; Ken Tate 348b, 147t; Loretta Whitman 72b, 106; Ru Perry-Mize 56b, 448b; Samuel Williams 131t; Amber Davis 391 (in memory of Helen Langston and Sandra Spradlin); Lisa Giest 182 (in memory of Gravis Ballinger and Earl Ballinger); Glenn Keeton 507 (in memory of Josie Hyde and for Margaret Keeton); Lena Keeton 475, 546. Announcements were made. Glenn Keeton and Butch White led 267 as the closing song. Samuel Williams offered the closing prayer, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Glenn Keeton; Vice Chairman—Butch White; Secretary—Lisa Geist

## **SACRED HARP MUSICAL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION**

**Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

The annual meeting of the Sacred Harp Musical Heritage Association (SHMHA) was held at the Southside Community Center in Southside, Alabama, on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Approximately 32 members were present for the meeting.

David Ivey, President, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. David welcomed the assembly and introduced board members present: Jeannette DePoy, Pam Nunn (Treasurer), Jonathon Smith, Shane Wootten, and Samuel Sommers (Secretary). Other board members unable to attend include Lauren Bock (Vice President) and Judy Caudle (Minutes Secretary).

David presented an overview of SHMHA's history and purpose. He provided a written summary of 2025 activities and a 2024 financial summary. SHMHA, as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, has filed IRS form 990 annually since 2003. A full financial summary of 2025 will be available at the Jacksonville Singing in February 2026. SHMHA supports financial management for the United Convention, the State Line Singing, and the Young Peoples' Convention.

Pam Nunn presented the report of the *Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singings* (Minutes Book) prepared by Judy Caudle, editor. From January to October 2025, the

Minutes account had deposits of \$3298.36 and expenditures of \$1630.85. Minutes have been submitted by 218 Singings by November 15, 2025; 36 two-day events, 1 three-day event, and 1 Camp Fasola. Fifty-six copies of the book were ordered in 2025, and twenty-six copies were delivered by mail. Minutes Books are available for purchase through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. If anyone knows of a Sacred Harp singer who is homebound or otherwise unable to order a Minutes Book online, let Judy know their name and address, and a book will be delivered to them. Judy thanked Carolyn Deacy, Chris Thorman, Mark Godfrey and Samuel Sommers for their help with the Minutes Book project. David also expressed great appreciation to Judy and the secretaries of Singings and Conventions for the many hours of work to produce this resource which is greatly valued by the Sacred Harp community.

David reported on Camp Fasola, which provides an immersive environment for learning and singing Sacred Harp. From 2003 until now, thirty-six camps have been held. Two U.S. sessions per summer were held in 2008-2019; Camp Fasola Europe was held in Poland in even numbered years from 2012 to 2018 (four camps); Virtual Camp Fasola was held in 2021 and 2022. Videos of 38 historic sessions dating back to 2003 are available online on the Camp Fasola YouTube channel. The 2025 session of Camp Fasola had 122 campers from 18 states and three Canadian provinces.

Campers participated in 40 classes and singing sessions. David announced that Camp Fasola 2026 will be from June 29 to July 3 at Camp Lee in Anniston, Alabama.

Scholarships are available for campers.

Camp scholarships and many other projects are made possible by contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations, conventions, and others interested in Sacred Harp. Tax deductible contributions of cash, stock, or other property are appreciated. Contact David Ivey at SHMHA@fasola.org for information. We are always grateful for support and input.

Members of the association were allowed opportunity for questions or input on SHMHA's programs. Samuel Sommers said a closing prayer and David Ivey adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. SHMHA is a non-profit 5019 (c) (3) organization, incorporated in Alabama, whose purpose is the perpetuation and preservation of Sacred Harp singing and its traditions. SHMHA produces the Directory and Minutes of Sacred Harp Singing, operates Camp Fasola, sponsors the fasola.org website, and supports Sacred Harp conventions and singings and other activities related to Sacred Harp music.

President—David Ivey; Vice President—Lauren Bock; Secretary—Samuel Sommers

## **THANKSGIVING SACRED HARP SINGING**

**(2025 EDITION)**

**Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom**

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

The 15th 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 28b. Sheila Girling Macadam offered the opening prayer.

Leaders: Edwin Macadam 27b; Sheila Girling Macadam 81b; Teresa Maguire 77t; Werner Ullah 29t; Francis Gaskin 138t; Joyce Smith 453; Wa'el Qasim 55; Clara Potter-Sweet 130; Nick Hall 484t; Susanne Rolli 51; Ted Simonds 102; Eloise Clark 475; Constance Des Marais 76b; Peter Banks 171; Helen Brown 131b; Derek Buckland 80t; Claire Welford 112; Erin Johnson-Williams 544; Sebastian May 264; Peter Eisman-Renyard 117; Sophie Lockhart 525; Morgan Kist 125.

RECESS

The class was called to order by Rowan Simms leading 531. Leaders: Fiona Byrne 89; David Garman 551; Jo-anne Carlyle 499t; Barry Parsons 476; Rachel Jordan 472; John Beale 242; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 318; Matthew Parkinson 263.

Robin Bisson read the following list of names of the sick and housebound: Cynthia Crossley, Helen Bushel, Seth Dickens, Bridget McVennon Morgan, Cäcilia Mann, Jane Jenkins, Werner Kist, Arthur Win.

Robin Bisson then read the following list of names of the deceased: Constanze Denis—London; Olive Gibson—London; Bernard Collard—Cheltenham; Steve Biggs—Hove; Rob Mahoney—Goring-by-Sea; Neill Thompson—London; Ellen Bainbridge—Sheerness; Lynne Denman—Wales; Anita de Lotbiniere—London; Mary Pateman—London; Martin Coll—London; Peter Dalby—Norfolk; Carolyn Ashford-Russell—London; Barbara Waite—Galicia and London; Jean Barton—Witney; Sue Goss—Harbury; Jim Clemoes—Exeter; Kay Smith—Blue Anchor; Keelan Shorten—Ireland; Archie Fisher—Scotland; Janet Webb—Surrey; Marjorie Taylor—Hazlemere; Buell Cobb, Mike Hinton, Lucy Heidorn, Peter Amidon—USA. Robin Bisson led 330t.

Leaders: Steve Brett 437; Toby Goss 86; Mandy Rose 168; Ed Johnson-Williams 484b; Werner Ullah 448b; Sophie Lockhart 131t; Francis Gaskin 481; Helen Brown 395; Peter Eiseman-Renyard 56b; Joyce Smith 229; Wa’el Qasim 219. Grace was said by Derek Buckland.

#### LUNCH

The class was called to order by Peter Eiseman-Renyard leading 47t. Leaders: Rowan Simms 244; Steve Brett 330b; Eloise Clark 502; Erin Johnson-Williams 334; Sebastian May 562; Rachel Jordan 570; Claire Welford 528; Helen Brown 78; Derek Buckland 115; Matthew Parkinson 409; Jill Thompson 454; Nick Hall 340; John Beale 468; Barry Parsons 439; Teresa Maguire 457; Sophie Lockhart 426b; Clara Potter-Sweet 375; Ed Johnson-Williams 255; Joyce Smith 422; Sheila Girling Macadam 483; Mandy Rose 183; Edwin Macadam 236.

#### RECESS

The class was called to order by Rachel Hall leading 474. Leaders: Francis Gaskin 322; Peter Banks 366; Susanne Rolli 300; Ted Simonds 223; Toby Goss 469; Fiona Byrne 122; David Garman 339; Jo-anne Carlyle 452t; Derek Buckland 227; Morgan Kist 503; John Bealle 41; Jill Thompson 504; Maggie Eiseman-Renyard 282; Sebastian May 254; Constance Des Marais 341; Eloise Clark 27t; Edwin Macadam 461; Erin Johnson-Williams 178b; Claire Welford 323b. Notices were given.

The Secretary reported that there were forty-four registered singers, thirty-seven leaders and eighty-eight songs were sung. Singers came from three countries.

Robin Bisson led 347b as the closing song. Wa’el Qasim offered the closing prayer. Chairperson—Robin Bisson; Secretary—Fiona Byrne

### **ALABAMA SACRED HARP MUSICAL ASSOCIATION (2025 EDITION)**

**Southside Community Center, Southside, Alabama**

**November 22-23, 2025**

**Saturday, November 22**

The 124th session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Association convened on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November. The class was called to order by Butch White leading the song on page 196. Tom George offered the opening prayer. Butch White welcomed both singers and visitors.

Leaders: Rodney Ivey 81t; Ainslie Allen 475; Tom George 32t; Nicholas Thompson and Pam Nunn 276 (for Judy and Randy Caudle); David Ivey 50t; Blake Sisemore 516; Reba Windom 36b; Robert Chambliss 163b; Cindy Tanner 280; Anna Hinton

430; Wayne Wootten 48t; Meredith Ivey 47b; Bill DuPre 484t; Jeannette DePoy 89; Larry Brasher 385b; Donna Wootten 274t; Everett Ivey 569b; Winfred Kerr 517.

#### RECESS

Butch White began the second session leading 178t. A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chairman—Rebekah Gilmore; Secretary—Ainslie Allen; Chaplain—Sarah George; Arranging Committee—Cindy Tanner; Finance Committee—Pam Nunn, Blake Sisemore, and Alex Forsyth; Resolutions Committee—Tom and Sarah George; Memorial Committee—Abigail Cannon, Cassie Allen; Locating Committee—David Ivey, Shane Wootten.

Leaders: Terry Wootten 378b; Cassie Allen 385t; Bridge Hill Kennedy 82t; David Carlton 130; Andy Ditzler 356; Kelsey Ivey 255; Grace Holleran 499t; Adrian Eldridge 434; Matt Weaver 277; Abigail Cannon 500; Rebekah Gilmore 40; Sarah George 460; Bert Collins 542; Jeremiah Ledbetter 121; Erica Hinton 527.

#### RECESS

Rodney Ivey led 76b to begin the next session. Leaders: Shane Wootten 420t; Jonathan Wood 501t; Theresa Westmoreland 234; Kathy Williams 318; Daniel Lee 209; Haley Rodgers 59; Peter Trumbore 203; Gillian Inksetter 217; Karen Rollins 347b; Shawn Taylor 257; Paul Figura 469; Michael Thompson 508; Linda Thomas and Larry Brasher 39t. Shane Wootten gave a prayer of blessing for the dinner.

#### LUNCH

Rebekah Gilmore opened the afternoon session leading the song on page 272.

Leaders: Sam Sommers 544; Matt Hinton 470; Maygan Barker and Jonathan Smith 448b; Jonathan Smith 451; Levi Trumbore 228; Robert Handel 563; Susan Lee 507 (led by Andy Ditzler); Richard Ivey 355; Philip Gilmore 183; Shirley Figura 213t; Alex Forsyth 138b; David Brodeur 263; Nathan Rees 116; Judy Mincey 55; Rene Greene 29t; John Gilmore 92; Glenda Collins 105; Shane Brown 379; Elene Stovall 436; Jackie Tanner 42; Michael Rodgers 531; Amy Waksmonski 282; Cheyenne Ivey 222; Christian Houser 176b; Sharon DuPriest 556; Nicholas Thompson 216.

Rodney Ivey, Rebekah Gilmore, and Sarah George 323t as the closing song.

Chaplain Sarah George led the closing prayer.

#### Sunday, November 24

The 2025 Alabama Sacred Harp Musical Association Sunday session was begun by Rodney Ivey leading 171. Sarah George led the opening prayer. Leaders: Rebekah Gilmore 187; Sarah George 37b; Pam Nunn 186; Shane Wootten 219; Blake Sisemore 445; David Ivey 566 (for Randy and Judy Caudle); Alex Forsyth 514; Tom George 161; Caleb Ledbetter 408; Mamie Sisemore 45t; Nicholas Thompson 218; Karen Rollins 334; Robert Handel 68b; Jonathan Smith 80t; Amy Waksmonski 274t; Anna Oliver 421; Stuart Ivey 472; Garrett Morton and Rodney Ivey 299; Judy Mincey 50t; Anna Hinton, James George, and Lottie Hinton 300.

#### RECESS

Rebekah Gilmore brought the class back to order leading 101t. Leaders: Oscar McGuire 461; Elene Stovall 442; Dolan Wolfe 211; Rene Greene 528; Ken Tate 242; John Plunkett 243; Jamey Wootten 499t; David Brodeur 244; Maygan Barker 223; Sam Somers 386; Paul Figura 27b; Matt Hinton 453.

#### RECESS

Rodney Ivey led the song on page 170 to begin the session. Leaders: Levi Trumbore and Peter Trumbore 410t; Adrian Eldridge 411; Nathan Rees 258; Gillian Inksetter 570; Theresa Westmoreland 501t; Reba Windom 208; Bridge Hill Kennedy 471; Shawn Taylor 254; Jonathan Wood 518.

The Memorial Lesson was led by Cassie Allen, who stressed how important it is to support those who are unable to attend due to illness. Cards, phone calls, and visits are deeply appreciated. This list includes Darrell Parker, Ernestine Parker, Margaret

Keeton, Ed Thacker, Margaret Thacker, Joyce Walton, Betty Shepherd, Wanda Capps, Randy Caudle, Judy Caudle, Joyce White, Don Bowen, Anne Drexler, Cornelia Van Den Doel, Karleen Williams, Sherry Lovvorn, Phil Summerlin, Terry Hogg, Jimmie Gilmore, Leon Ballinger, Linton Ballinger, and Nate Green. Cassie led the song on page 123t in their honor.

The names of the deceased were read aloud as follows: Theresa Bethune, Bill Greeson, Jeanene Franklin, Lucy Heidorn, Keith Tolbert, Jeanette Dollar, Deb Morton, Buell Cobb, Peter Amidon, Bob Morris, Tashi Alford, Bryan Thompson, Helen Lambert, Mike Hinton, Pauline Oliver, Greg Garner, Andy Hornsby. Cassie spoke in honor of the deceased, and led 146 in their memory. Shane Wootten offered a prayer for those that have been lost and those who could not attend.

Leaders: Danie Lee 28t; Philip Gilmore 76b; Shirley Figura 229; Jeremiah Ledbetter 558; Kathy Williams 501b.

#### LUNCH

Rebekah Gilmore began the afternoon session by leading 270. Leaders: Bill DuPre 51; Wayne Wootten 99; Cheyenne Ivey 182; Erica Hinton 391; Andy Ditzler 494 (in memory of his father); Winfred Kerr 77b; Michael Rodgers 81t; Peter Trumbore 155; Donna Wootten 314; Butch White 344; Susan Lee and Shawn Taylor 423b; Shane Brown 383; Haley Rodgers 358; Hayden Arp 269; Cassie Allen 169; Matt Weaver 49t; Cindy Tanner, Ainslie Allen, Cassie Allen 544, 498; Rodney Ivey and Cheyenne Ivey 384.

The following committee reports were given: Secretary Ainslie Allen reported that one hundred fifty songs were led by seventy-three leaders; Finance Committee member Pam Nunn reported that all expenses were met; Resolutions Committee Tom and Sarah George resolved to thank everyone and to meet again next year; Locating Committee member David Ivey announced that the 125th session of the Alabama Sacred Harp Muscial Association would be held again at the Southside Community Center on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in November, 2026. Following announcements, Rodney Ivey and Rebekah Gilmore led 62 as the closing song, and those who wished took the parting hand. The closing prayer was given by Philip Gilmore, and the class was dismissed.

Chairman—Rodney Ivey; Vice Chair—Rebekah Gilmore; Secretary—Ainslie Allen

## **PORLAND ART MUSEUM SACRED HARP SINGING (2025 EDITION)**

**Portland Art Museum South Wing, Portland, Oregon**

**November 22-23, 2025**

**Saturday, November 22**

Forty-four singers from Oregon and Washington met at the Portland Art Museum to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Mark Rothko Pavilion. Tamara Wallace called the Saturday session to order leading 448b. Leaders: Ruth Linehan 448t; Kate Fine 47b; Judah Dale 401 (for Karen Willard); Betsey Jeronen 564; Stephen Tarr 466; Carrie Walker 318; Dorothy Robinson 383; Nancy Novotny 142; Dan Thoma 350; Paul Chamberlain 222; Nell Whitman 300; Hannah Thompson 504; Karen Willard 186; Kate Fine 532; Mary Chaffin 268; Mark Miller 270; Tamara Wallace 128; Dan Thoma 503; Stephen Tarr 112; Judah Dale 235; Kate-Laurel Agnew 209; Jamie Dawson 423t; Lindsey Wildman 217; Pippa Stoddard 148; Ruth Linehan 542; Jennifer Jones 436. Tamara Wallace closed the session by leading 36b.

### Sunday, November 23

Ruth Linehan called the Sunday session to order leading 32t. Leaders: Dorothy Robinson 34b; Linda Selph 381; Nell Whitman 535; Carrie Walker 472; Pippa Stoddard 82t; Nancy Novotny 201; Karen Willard 40; Kate Fortin 112; Ian Opal Kesling 35; Dorothy Mitchell 354t; Lisabeth Bush and Mischa Skeeter 276; Jennifer Jones and Anna Yuan 318; Ruth Linehan 29t; Kate Fine 384; Betsy Jeronen 440; Sarah Berry 86; Dan Thoma 457; Hannah Thompson 441; Tamara Wallace 162; Paul Chamberlain 163b; Jamie Dawson 163t; Kate-Laurel Agnew 421; Hazel Briar 47b; Mark Miller 176t; Pippa Stoddard 178t. Jennifer Jones closed the singing by leading 36b.

Chair—Tamara Wallace; Secretaries—Nancy Novotny, Keith Alnwick, and Mischa Skeeter

### MAINE NEW ENGLAND COOPER BOOK SINGING

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Saturday, November 29, 2025

The 6th annual Maine New England All-Day *Cooper Book* Singing was held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. The class was called to order by Kerry Cullinan leading 440t. The opening prayer was offered by Patty McNERNEY. Leaders: Kerry Cullinan 199; Elizabeth Stoddard 68b; George Howe 47t; Magdalena Zapedowska 45b; Ethan McNERNEY 572; Erin Fulton 303; Owen Stoddard 140; George Sigut 38t; McGhee Steiner 438b; Rachel Taylor 438t; Grant Cook 430; Leah Coffin 392; Patty McNERNEY 463; Alan Cohen and Jackie Pike 239; Evan Landon 217; Robert Stoddard 30t; Chris Holley 587; George Sigut 411; Kerry Cullinan 483; Elizabeth Stoddard 491.

RECESS

The class was called together by Owen Stoddard leading 306. Leaders: Robert Stoddard 133; George Sigut 268; Leah Coffin 563; Erin Fulton 278t; Patty McNERNEY 571; Magdalena Zapedowska 393; Alan Cohen 552; Rachel Taylor 427; Robert Stoddard 150; Rachel Taylor 151; Elizabeth Stoddard 373; Juliet McFadden 122; Magdalena Zapedowska 98; Alan Cohen and Jackie Pike 186; Robert Stoddard 559; George Sigut 341; Ethan McNERNEY 372; McGhee Steiner 340; Leah Coffin 288; George Sigut 38t; Robert Stoddard 39.

LUNCH

The class was called together by Rachel Taylor leading 31t. Leaders: Owen Stoddard 200; Kerry Cullinan 229; George Sigut 201; Leah Coffin 105b; Magdalena Zapedowska 51; Elizabeth Stoddard 482; McGhee Steiner 132; Erin Fulton 455t; Alan Cohen 128; Juliet McFadden 276; Patty McNERNEY 129; Robert Stoddard 591; Grant Cook 163b; Magdalena Zapedowska 429; Patty McNERNEY 505; McGhee Steiner 254; George Sigut 442t; Owen Stoddard 299.

RECESS

The class was called together by Erin Fulton leading 486. Leaders: Magdalena Zapedowska 189; Kerry Cullinan 432; Elizabeth Stoddard 373; Leah Coffin 575; Ethan McNERNEY 244; Grant Cook 562; Robert Stoddard 514; Magdalena Zapedowska 138t; Rachel Taylor 207b; Erin Fulton 147; Elizabeth Stoddard 273; Juliet McFadden 245; Robert Stoddard 567; Chris Holley 176b; George Sigut 401; Chris Holley and Elizabeth Stoddard 165; Robert Stoddard and Emma Biggerstaff 45t; Kerry Cullinan and Robert Stoddard 589.

The class gave thanks and resolved to gather again next year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, in November 2026. The Treasurer reported that expenses had been met. The Secretary reported that eighty-three songs were led by twenty-two leaders from six states.

Chris Holley led 527 as the closing song. Erin Fulton offered the closing prayer. Chair—Kerry Cullinan; Treasurer—Robert Stoddard; Arranging Committee and Secretary—Elizabeth Stoddard

## **KYNETON SINGING (1991 EDITION)**

**Kyneton, Victoria, Australia**

**November 29-30, 2025**

**Saturday, November 29**

The 5th annual Kyneton All-Day Singing was held at the Red Brick Hall, Yaldwyn Street, Kyneton, Victoria, Australia. The Chairperson, Lauren Reader, led 49t as the opening song and gave an Acknowledgement of Country of the Taungurung People of the Eastern Kulin Nations. Peter Rayner offered an opening reflection.

Morag Logan led 99. Lauren Reader welcomed singers to the singing and taught an introductory singing school on the rudiments in the 1991 and 2025 editions.

Leaders: Lauren Reader 276; Kate Reid 142; Chris Phillips 95; Thomas MacDonald 313t; Frances Reid and Natalie Sims 159.

A business session was held and the following officers and committee members were appointed to serve: Chairperson—Lauren Reader; Secretary—Chris Phillips; Chaplains and Memorial Committee—Morag Logan and Peter Rayner; Treasurer—Lachlan Warner; Arranging Committee—Melanie Albrecht and Kate Reid; Registration Committee—Myfanwy Godfrey; Food Committee—Myfanwy Godfrey and Darren White. The business session was closed.

### **RECESS**

Morag Logan led 148 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Natalie Sims 270; Myfanwy Godfrey 452; Peter Rayner 236; Meg Quinlisk 385b; Lauren Reader 531; Kate Reid 112; Chris Phillips 222; Thomas MacDonald 189; Frances Reid 300; Morag Logan 38b; Natalie Sims 313b; Meg Quinlisk 81b; Myfanwy Godfrey 117; Lauren Reader 472; Kate Reid 39t; Chris Phillips 542; Peter Rayner and Morag Logan 442; Thomas MacDonald 406; Frances Reid 328. Morag Logan led 344 as a blessing before the meal.

### **LUNCH**

Meg Quinlisk led 29t to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Chris Phillips 198; Kate Reid, Faye Zollia, and Dan Rigby 47b; Natalie Sims 532; Lauren Reader 457; Morag Logan 197; Frances Reid 70b; Thomas MacDonald 242; Myfanwy Godfrey 277; Peter Rayner and Natalie Sims 217; Meg Quinlisk 430; Chris Phillips 171; Melanie Albrecht 106; Ruth McNamara 274t; Natalie Sims 431.

The memorial lesson was conducted by Peter Rayner. The following sick and shut-ins were named: Angharad Davis, Margaret Davis, Naomi Colville, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Alexis Halverson, Beth Warner, Ar-Chee Wong, Geoff McNamara. The following deceased were remembered and honoured: Anthony Bendall, Moi Chen. Morag Logan led 72b.

Leaders: Lauren Reader and Thomas MacDonald 263; Morag Logan 34b.

### **RECESS**

Thomas MacDonald led 254 to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Meg Quinlisk 461; Stephen Khlentzos and Lauren Reader 448b; Myfanwy Godfrey 107; Lauren Reader, Faye Zollia, and Dan Rigby 146; Morag Logan 84; Kate Reid 268; Peter Rayner and Meg Quinlisk 504; Chris Phillips and Lachlan Warner 323b; Melanie Albrecht 203; Ruth McNamara 481; Natalie Sims 312b; Thomas MacDonald 227; Stephen Khlentzos and Lauren Reader 163b; Meg Quinlisk 225b.

The Chairperson thanked those who worked hard to make the All-Day Singing happen, including officers, volunteers, and committee members. The Secretary reported that twenty singers from two states and two countries had sung sixty-three songs led by fifteen leaders. The Treasurer reported that costs of venue hire had been

met. It was resolved to hold the next Kyneton Singing in November, 2026.

Announcements were made. The business session was closed.

Lauren Reader led 299 as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

### **Sunday, November 30**

The class reconvened on Sunday afternoon at a private home in Kyneton to sing from the *Shenandoah Harmony*.

Leaders: Meg Quinlisk 264b (ShH); Daniel Whelan 265 (ShH); Lauren Reader 15 (ShH); Natalie Sims 104b (ShH); Chris Phillips 6t (ShH); Alexis Halverson 127 (ShH); Meg Quinlisk 180 (ShH); Daniel Whelan 119b (ShH); Lauren Reader 12b (ShH); Natalie Sims 104t (ShH); Chris Phillips 404t (ShH); Alexis Halverson 287 (ShH); Meg Quinlisk 140b (ShH); Daniel Whelan 200 (ShH).

### **RECESS**

Chris Phillips led 76t (ShH) to bring the class back to order. Leaders: Natalie Sims 76b (ShH); Chris Phillips 186 (ShH); Alexis Halverson 312 (ShH); Daniel Whelan 177 (ShH); Lauren Reader 105 (ShH); Natalie Sims 321b (ShH); Chris Phillips 403 (ShH); Daniel Whelan 429 (ShH).

Chris Phillips led 191 (ShH) as the closing song. The class was dismissed.

Chairperson—Lauren Reader; Secretary—Chris Phillips

## **JOSEPH JACKSON BEASLEY MEMORIAL (1991 EDITION)**

**Concord Church, Winfield, Alabama**

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

The 28th annual Joseph Jackson Beasley Memorial was held on the first Sunday in December. This singing was held using the 1991 Revision of *The Sacred Harp*.

The class was called to order by Ricky Beasley leading 56t. Marlin Beasley offered the opening prayer. A business session was held and the following officers were elected or appointed to serve: Chairman—Ricky Beasley; Vice Chairman—Marlin Beasley; Secretary—Lisa Geist; Arranging—Amber Davis.

Leaders: Ricky Beasley 274t; Marlin Beasley 318, 336; Lisa Geist 228, 472; Amber Davis 373 (for Paula Springfield), 192; Tom Booth 309, 123t; Theresa Westmoreland 234 (for Larry Ballinger), 163b; Glenn Keeton 55, 58.

### **RECESS**

Ricky Beasley called the class back to order leading 348b. Leaders: Roma Rice 106, 299; Butch White 278t, 547; Sarah Beasley 159, 30t; Henry McGuire 545, 550; Lena Keeton 475, 340; Linda Booth 222, 224; Chris Ballinger 339, 146.

### **LUNCH**

The afternoon session began with Ricky Beasley leading 282. Leaders: Becky Briggs 335, 388; Doug Cantrell 490, 354b; Laurie Keeton 128, 333; Henry McGuire 43 (in memory of Hugh Bill McGuire); Tina Marques 40, 63; Bunk Beasley 72b, 81t; Beasley Family members 61, 45t; Theresa Westmoreland 300; Butch White 440; Glenn Keeton, Laurie Keeton, and Lena Keeton 358; Tom Booth and Linda Booth 196; Doug Cantrell, Jody Green, and Neal Sandlin 235. Announcements were made. Ricky Beasley led 445 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 (2025 EDITION)**

**Mercer County, Kentucky**

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

Jim Thobaben called the class to order promptly at 3:00 p.m. by welcoming visitors to his church and offering a prayer. By request, Ron Pen named the shapes and sang the gamut for the aid of visitors, expressing his gratitude to be singing from the new *The Sacred Harp: 2025 Edition* and the old *Southern Harmony*. Leaders: Ron Pen 73b;

Erin Fulton 47b; Don Waggener 213 (SoH); Rafi Finkel 128 (by request of Jim Thobaben); Christian Cunningham 282; Rafi Finkel 178t (by request of Diane Arnson Svarlien); Erin Fulton 45t (by request of James Mason); Erin Fulton 68b (in honor of Tim Gregg, absent in sickness); Christian Cunningham 146; Rafi Finkel 535; Rafi Finkel 159 (by request of Elena Arnold).

RECESS

Leaders: Jim Thobaben and Ron Pen 16 (SoH); Ron Pen 322 (SoH); Erin Fulton 312b (by request of Zoe Lawless); Don Waggener 80 (SoH); Rafi Finkel 117 (by request of Owen Trotter); Erin Fulton 59 (by request of Pat Waggener); Erin Fulton 507 (by request of James Mason); Christian Cunningham 569b (in memory of Keith MacAdam); Erin Fulton 496 (by request of Carter Smith and in honor of Tom Morton); Ron Pen 455 (by request of Jim Thobaben). Rev. Andi Wallace offered a closing prayer, following which the class took the parting hand while singing 267. The group, comprised of forty-nine singers, then dismissed to a soup supper prepared by members of the church.

Chairman—Jim Thobaben; Secretary—Erin Fulton



# SACRED HARP SINGERS HISTORICAL MEMORIAL PROJECT

This is an ongoing project to document the names of prominent, lifelong Sacred Harp singers and supporters with their dates of birth and death and location of burial. Please send your contributions to [minutes@fasola.org](mailto:minutes@fasola.org). Please note that this historical project is not extended to family members and friends who are not Sacred Harp singers and supporters. Also note that all entries in this year's book are new. Please see the earlier books for all names submitted prior to this year.

**Virginia D (wife of William J) Futral**  
b. February 4, 1941  
d. January 31, 2025  
Smyrna Primitive Baptist Ch  
Goodwater, Alabama

**William J Futral**  
b. October 17, 1940  
d. June 16, 2024  
Smyrna Primitive Baptist Ch  
Goodwater, Alabama

**Pauline B (wife of Wm Milton) Oliver**  
b. April 2, 1930  
d. March 15, 2025  
New Bethel Cemetery  
DeKalb County, Alabama

**Julia Wakefield Poston**  
b. February 28, 1937  
d. December 16, 2024  
Concord Baptist Church  
Natural Bridge, Alabama

**Philip Albert Tabor**  
b. June 17, 1932  
d. March 21, 2005  
Chattanooga National Cemetery  
Chattanooga, Tennessee



# 2025 DEATHS

Names submitted from Memorial Lessons in 2025 minutes.

## Listed by Date

12-16-24	Julia Poston	Alabama
01-04-25	Bernard Collard	United Kingdom
01-28-25	Corrone Bryant	Maine
01-31-25	Virginia D. Futral	Alabama
03-02-25	Helen J Lambert	Alabama
03-15-25	Pauline Oliver	Alabama
04-26-25	Buell E Cobb	Alabama
05-02-25	Johanna Fabke	Wisconsin
06-18-25	Lucy Marie Heidorn	Alabama
07-18-25	Samuel M (Mike) Hinton	Texas
07-24-25	Alice M Bejnar	Florida
07-31-25	Corbin Rodgers	Alabama
08-20-25	Eschol Hughes	Georgia
10-18-25	Deborah Lacy Morton	Tennessee
11-25-25	Carol Hopper Newman	Alabama

## Listed by Location (\* — see above list for date)

### *Alabama*

Teresa Bethune
*Buell E Cobb
Joe Crosby
*Virginia D. Futral
Janette Dollar Graves
Bill Greeson
*Lucy Marie Heidorn
Frances E Jones
*Helen J Lambert
Charlotte Naylor
*Carol Hopper Newman
*Pauline Oliver
*Julia Poston
*Corbin Rodgers
Keith Tolbert
Thomas Anthony White

### *Stephen Judge*

Kirsten Koths
Jazmine Morales
Tibby O'Leary
Preston Obeiden
Brandon Jamaal Sampson

### *Danny Griffin*

Peggy Hendrix
Nancy Hersh
Ann Hudson
*Eschol Hughes
Susan Johnson

### *Colorado*

John Breitsch
Robert Burns Bruner
Dorothy Scott Gibbs
Tom Jurgensen

### *Connecticut*

Patricia Ayotte
<i>District of Columbia</i>
Eddie Van Zandt
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<i>District of Columbia</i>
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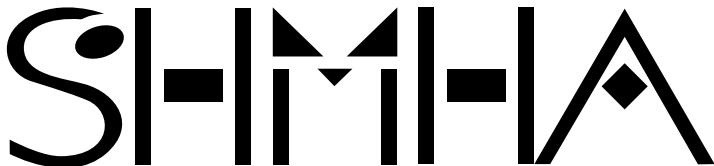
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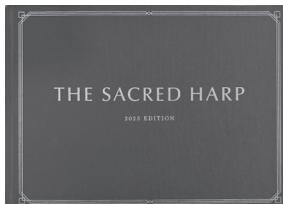
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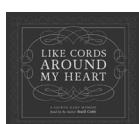
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