

# ***COUNCIL REPORT***

***June, 2009***

## **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES**

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Our concert season ended on May 17 with a program featuring the sacred music of jazz great Duke Ellington. We were joined by CAMA - the Capital Area Music Assoc. - a group of mostly African-Americans who swelled our ranks to over 80 singers. The concert was well-attended and very well-received. I was especially shocked to hear a comment from a very "straight-laced" organist colleague who thought the performance was phenomenal. The Chancel Choir carried the bulk of the workload. Their dedication is incredible. I've never seen volunteers work so hard and put in so many hours in all my life.

By next month we will have reached our goal of \$16,000 in Patron donations for the '08/'09 season. We need to thank God daily for this church, and the incredible generosity of the Patrons, which results in so many people being blessed by our concerts. We look forward to an even greater year to come.

The 2009/2010 concert series is now planned with many exciting events. I have been working on many of those concerts and gathering info for our new Concert Series brochure due out in Aug.

Choosing service music and hymns, singers and ensembles for the summer, along with the very time-consuming job of finding appropriate, lectionary-related music for them to sing has been mostly completed. There are always some loose ends tie up!

I will be meeting with both substitute organists in the next two weeks to review the services for which they'll be playing while I'm on vacation

There is still some "cleanup work" to do: filing, sorting, etc...

I have been assembling an orchestra for our Christmas concert in December. One must secure these players early before they commit to other "gigs" at that busy time of the year.

There is also plenty of music to practice for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Koch