

31ST ANNUAL HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 9, 2019 9:00 am - 3:00 pm First United Methodist Church - Springfield, IL

Cost - \$35 for members; \$45 for nonmembers - \$10 late fee after 2/23/19

Join clinician Cathy Moklebust for a day of music making and sharpening your handbell skills!

Registration will be available in January. Find out more on page 2!

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

March 9, 2019 - 31st Annual Handbell Festival Location: Springfield First UMC Kathy Moklebust, clinician

May 4, 2019 - Worship Workshop

June 23-28, 2019 - Music and Worship Arts Week Lake Junaluska, NC

July 15-18, 2019 - National Convocation Kansas City, MO



What do you know about *The Fellowship?* We are Christians embracing God's artistic gifts to create world-transforming worship. *The Fellowship* exists at both national and chapter levels. You can find out more about the national level by visiting their website, and find out more about our chapter on our website.

Handbell Festival Schedule

8:00am-9:00am - Registration/Refreshments

9:00am-9:15am - Welcome

9:15am-10:15am - Handbell Techniques

10:15am-10:30am - Break

10:30am-12:00pm - Reading Session

12:00pm-1:00pm - Lunch

1:00pm-2:00pm - Music Rehearsal

2:00pm-2:15pm - Break

2:15pm-3:00 pm - Music Rehearsal

3:00pm - Depart

Meet our Handbell Clinician!



Cathy Moklebust (b. 1958) has developed and directed handbell music programs since 1983, and has played bells since childhood. With her dynamic, positive approach and skilled conducting, she is in national demand as a handbell clinician and festival conductor. As one of today's most popular handbell music composers, she has approximately 250 published compositions and arrangements to her credit, many of them reaching bestseller status. Her music has been described as "pure joy to ring and listen to, having a uniquely delightful sense of melodic and rhythmic interaction, with elegant form and style." She has been commissioned to write music for festivals and other events, as well as for many individual handbell ensembles, including nine for the Raleigh Ringers. Cathy's music has been broadcast on "Today," "Good Morning, America," public television, public radio, and SiriusXM satellite radio.

Ms. Moklebust began her musical career as a public school instrumental music instructor in South Dakota. She is an active percussionist, and has performed as principal or section percussionist with several professional and community bands and orchestras throughout the upper Midwest. Cathy has played in, conducted, and coached church and community handbell ensembles in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. Since 1989, she has worked in the music retail and publishing industry; currently she and her husband David operate Moklebust Music Services, a music preparation service.

Cathy earned both her B.A. (Music/Percussion, 1982) and M.Ed. (Teacher Education/Music, 1988) at South Dakota State University, in her hometown of Brookings, SD. She was encouraged in composition by her music theory professors - the late Mary Alice Spencer Berger and the late Dr. Paul H. Royer - and studied instrumental conducting extensively with Prof. John F. Colson. Her handbell education began in 1970 with the Towers Handbell Choir of First Lutheran Church in Brookings, under the direction of the late Mrs. Barbara Berntson. Cathy and her husband reside in Brookings, SD.



Chapter Officers

Your chapter officers are here to serve you by developing events to better equip you for worship arts ministry. We are always looking for more people to join our coordinating team, which conducts its business in quarterly 1 1/2 hour conference calls. Please contact one of the following people if you have questions, suggestions, or would like to get involved:

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