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A Holiday Gathering this Month

Heyward Street United Methodist Church 2501 Heyward Street, Columbia, SC 2:30-5:00 pm Sunday, December 5, 2021

The Carolina Jazz Society December 5th meeting will be a bit different from what we've done before, but I predict it will be a joyful afternoon of music played by my talented and inventive House Band comrades.

The back story: When our board was talking with Heyward Street United Methodist's pastor, Tammy Blom, about having our concerts in their activity hall she mentioned that the church annually invited the neighborhood for a Sunday afternoon of Christmas music and good will.

I immediately felt a collaboration could be a fun fit for us. We would play jazz versions of Holiday songs (which we have done in the past) but we would meet, as they have, in the Sanctuary. I also thought that it would be fun to involve some of their musicians. So I have asked their music director Stephanie Villamizar to join us for a couple of numbers ... and I found out Rev. Blom's daughters play viola and cello, so I have written them into three pieces that we will perform ... including our traditional closer, "When the Saints"!

We have our regular crew: Doug Graham—ace clarinetist, Bruce Clark—trombone (Bruce knows that lovely Christmas song, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" so we'll ask him to perform that), Aletha Jacobs—piano (plus some delightful vocal selections), Dustin Retzlaff—the mighty upright bass, and my favorite drummer—Mr. Jim Hall. I'll direct traffic on stage and will try once more to tame the trumpet.

Dick Goodwin

By the way...There is no cost to attend this concert. Bring your friends!!

Christmas Music Concert

featuring Carolina Jazz Society



Sacred, secular, and traditional Christmas music

Heyward Street UMC

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Please be our guest. It's our gift to our neighbors.