



*An Invitation for all Instrumentalists and
Instrumentalist Parents...*

One of the important music ministries at St. Matthew is our instrumental program. We have been growing this program now for several years and have a good base. However, I am discovering that we have instrumentalists in our congregation that have an instrumental talent that could be a strong boost to this important ministry.

If you are an adult instrumentalist, then your experience could be a great mentorship for our younger instrumentalists. If you are a parent of an instrumentalist, you have a vision for your child to use that talent by playing an instrument and may be supporting them with private lessons. If they play in an instrumental program at school, that is an outlet for them to hone their talent and often perform in front of others which certainly helps in building confidence. However, not all students may have that opportunity.

I personally would like to extend an invitation for you as an adult instrumentalist and you as parents of an instrumentalist to consider helping us in our instrumental program here at St. Matthew. We are currently rehearsing one evening a month and are preparing now for the Christmas season.

On a personal note, when I was about 9 years old I wanted to play piano but had no teacher. As the oldest of 6 kids, there was no money for lessons, so I had a cousin show me a few things on the piano and then I was on my own. I actually had a home correspondence course to look at and figure out what to do. By 11 years old, my music director at church asked me to play the hymns for a service. She was giving me an opportunity to play and use my talent. I am so grateful that she believed in me. By 13, I was playing for the service. I also wanted to play in band at school, and so I asked to play an instrument and again my parents did not have the money to buy an instrument, so I played the tuba that the school had through high school.

I would like to give you an opportunity as an adult or young person to help us at church. It is a great way to serve and it will provide confidence to you as you develop your musicianship. We will be meeting on **Thursday, October 21 at 6:30**. If you would be willing to give us a try, email me at snuffer47@hotmail.com and let me know what instrument you play and I will have the music ready when you come.

Thanks again for your consideration.

Robert Cook

Music Director