



# Wisconsin Gossellers September 2018 Newsletter

## The Singing Windows of Tuskegee University

When Luke and I were traveling through Alabama last spring, we stopped in Tuskegee to take in the history of African American notables like Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, and the Tuskegee Airman of World War II.

While on the campus of the Tuskegee University, we visited the chapel and were thrilled with the beauty and spirit of the “Singing Windows.” These windows portray “eleven beloved Negro spirituals,” according to the University web site. Many of these eleven songs are ones that we sing with the Wisconsin Gossellers.

Here I share three sections of the window. For a view of the entire window and more about its history, here is a link to the Tuskegee University web site:  
<https://www.tuskegee.edu/about-us/chapel-history>

-- Lori Bocher

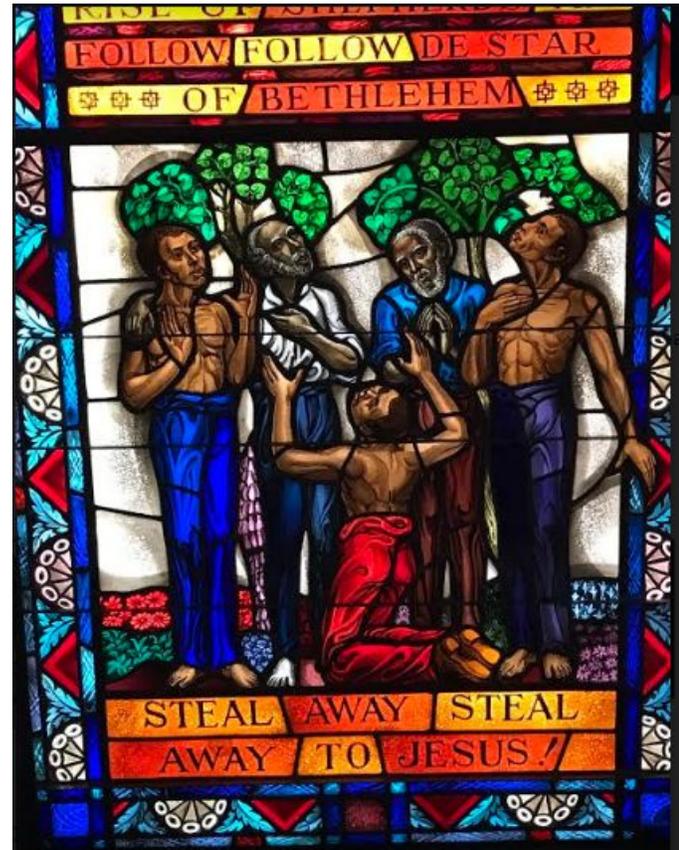
### Music Moves Us

Music speaks to us in different ways and helps us through many life situations. Also, music helps us during times of meditation at a specific time of the day – morning, afternoon, evening, prayer time. Our friends Carolyn Blair and, her husband, Blair Blair introduced the song “Total Praise” at the Gossellers September 2017 workshop at Pilgrim Center. The song has touched my heart and become a regular part of my night time closing prayers. The words and music help me center myself as I move into a time of prayer. I was also moved to write a bass part for the song “Total Praise” and use the bass part as part of my meditation time as well.

May music be a helpful transforming part of your life.

David Wernecke

God invites you to write words from the heart and have them seen by the rest of the Wisconsin Gossellers. If you are called by the spirit to write something for the Wisconsin Gossellers newsletter, send your item to [alicia88gardner@gmail.com](mailto:alicia88gardner@gmail.com)



(More pictures will be in next month's newsletter)

### Total Praise by Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help is coming from You.  
Your peace, You give me, in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength.  
You are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to You.

A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men, A-men.



**Mission Statement: To bridge cultural divides and touch souls through the transformative power of gospel music**

**Vision Statement: A world where God's love triumphs over that which divides us.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Lunch by</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sat Sept 8	10am-3pm	Olivet UCC, 313 W Prairie St, Columbus, WI 53925	Leadership team	Rehearsal & start of 2018-2019 season
Sat Oct 13	10am-3pm	St. Paul's UCC, 1310 E 8th St, Marshfield, WI 54449	Sopranos	Rehearsal & concert 11:30am mini concert Angela & Alicia's church
Sat Nov 10 Sun Nov 11?	10am-3pm 10:15am?	Hope UCC ? 8950 Alpine Rd, Fremont, WI 54940	Altos	Rehearsal on saturday and (pending enough people) concert during worship service on sunday
Sat Dec 8th	10am-3pm	Olivet UCC, 313 W Prairie St, Columbus, WI 53925	Men	Rehearsal
Sat Jan 12th	10am-3pm	Cedar Ridge 125 Cedar Ridge Dr West Bend WI 53095	Cedar Ridge	Rehearsal & Concert
Sat Feb 9th	10am-3pm	New London?	Sopranos	Rehearsal
Sat Mar 9th	10am-3pm	Hope UCC ? 8950 Alpine Rd, Fremont, WI 54940	Altos	This is the 2nd option for concert in Fremont in case the november concert doesnt work
Sat Apr 6	10am-3pm	Conf/Assoc Mtg in Wis Dells?	?	Rehearsal & Concert

? = still tentative and could change. Stay tuned!

\*There's NO June 2019 Annual Mtg @ Green Lake because General Synod is in Milwaukee June 21-25. We're working on other opportunities, including a Summer '19 trip to Hesse/Rhineland (Germany).

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