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November 29, 2010

Music Society - Choral presents:

What: Men of Music Concert: "Joy, Joy, Joy!"

When: December 5 • 2 pm & 7 pm

Where: First United Methodist Church, 315 West Larkin Street, Midland, MI 48640

Cost: FREE; freewill offering will be taken to benefit a local charity

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

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MIDLAND – **Men of Music's annual Christmas concerts** will take place on Sunday, December 5 at 2 pm and 7 pm at First United Methodist Church, 315 West Larkin Street, Midland. Director Grace Marra conducts "**Joy, Joy, Joy!**" a holiday concert perfect for all ages and filled with sentimental favorites like *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*, *Do You Hear What I Hear?*, *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, and *Blue Christmas* (featuring soloist Stephen Ferrarese).

"The program title was inspired by the words from the song *While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep by Night*," remarks director Grace Marra. "I know young and old will enjoy this carol and others such as *Coventry Carol*, *Mary Sat A-rockin'*, *Alleluia* and *Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer*." Also included in the concert are several songs arranged for men's voices by Ms. Marra including *Silver Bells*, *In Silence Emmanuel Comes*, and *Silent Night*. The **Dirty Dozen**, a smaller men's group from the **Men of Music**, will also perform during the concert.

The concert is free. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit a local charity. On Sunday, December 12, 4 pm, the Men of Music will perform this same program in Saginaw at First Congregational Church, UCC, 403 South Jefferson Avenue. No admission will be charged; a free-will offering will be taken to benefit a local charity.

Men of Music will also be part of "Holiday Extravaganza" at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., on Saturday, December 18, 8 pm, an evening full of cheerful and uplifting Christmas songs guaranteed to get the whole family in the holiday spirit! Musical direction is by Jim Hohmeyer.

Men of Music is a member of Music Society of Midland Center for the Arts. Men of Music is under the direction of Grace Marra, who has conducted "the Men" for 16 years; Laurie Habedank is the accompanist. More information about the organization and other Music Society offerings are available at: www.mcfta.org or www.menofmusic.org. These concerts are made possible with the support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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