

A Virtual Singing of Silent Night Sung by Our Congregation for Christmas Eve

We are excited to announce that we will be offering to all in our congregation, the opportunity to join in singing *Silent Night* in a virtual carol sing. The carol will be presented online for our Christmas Eve service.

This is a wonderful opportunity to involve your family in taking part in this incredibly beautiful service from your home. A virtual singing experience is when you record yourself while listening from a guide track. The singing is edited and put together on a screen with everyone else singing together.

It is important to remember that no matter how well you think you may or may not sound as a singer, congregational singing is a collective way to express our community of faith and love in song. Your voice will be a part of the whole beautiful sound that will come through the carol.

This is open to all ages and we hope everyone in your family will participate. Ellie Armstrong, a member of our congregation and a music major at Millikin University has graciously agreed to help me with this project.

Editing and putting together the music is time consuming so we are needing you to record your singing and send it to Ellie by Thanksgiving, so she has time to put this together. I have put together an instruction guide to help you along with specific instructions on how to record and where to send the recording. It really is not difficult and, I am offering to help you if you need extra assistance. The instruction guide lets you know how you can sign up for a 20-minute slot the week of November 15th to meet with me, safely distanced at the church to put this together. I think however that many will find the experience to be manageable from home. I am available to help over the phone or via email if you run into trouble.

We hope you will take part in this virtual singing experience. Seeing our faces and hearing your voices on Christmas Eve, even from a very distant place, will be very meaningful.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call at 630-699-3389 or email me at mmsdir1@aol.com

Blessings to you and your family!

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