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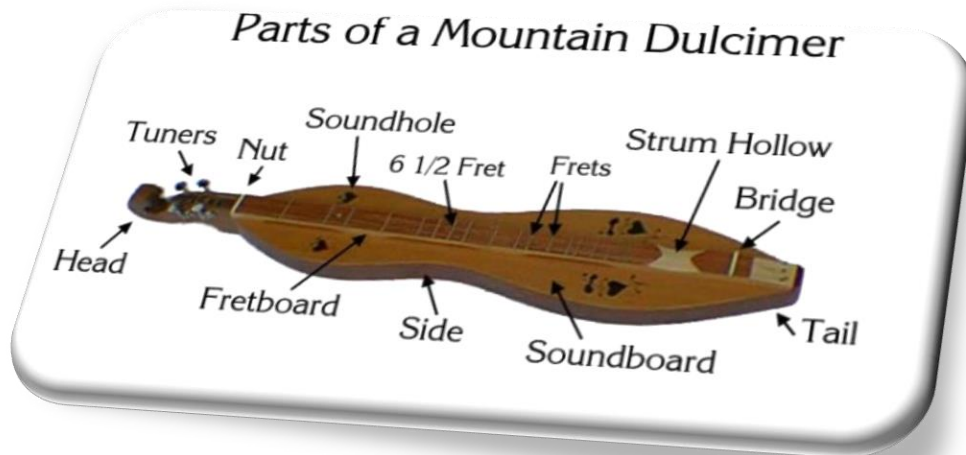
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HYMN SING

FEATURING
THE “STRUNG-OUT”
DULCIMER GROUP
from
Juniata County

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
2:30 PM

STRUNG-OUT DULCIMER BAND



Old Time Pickin' Mifflintown, PA

To schedule, contact Mary Sanders at (717)-436-2069
Cultural Commitment / No Performance Fee Charged

STRUNG-OUT DULCIMER BAND & HISTORY

The Strung-Out Dulcimer Band was the brain-child of Polly Lewis (1928-2010). An accomplished mountain dulcimer player herself, Polly simply loved the soft sounds that the dulcimer is known for. She envisioned sharing her passion with others both as a fellow musician and as a performer. As a natural outgrowth, in 2003 she recruited a couple of neighbors and a few others of like interest to form a pure mountain dulcimer band. She finally settled on the catchy name "Strung-Out" for the new band, an appropriate name since the mountain dulcimer is "strung" with four strings. Eventually a guitar was added and a little later a hammered dulcimer.

Since those first beginnings, personnel have changed in both numbers and people. The group evolved into the octet it is today because of musical balance and the space constraints at many venues played. It takes about six mountain dulcimers to balance the volume of the hammered dulcimer and guitar. Today only one of the active members is a charter member of the original group Polly formed. With minor exception, the members of today's band have been together a few years. The group boasts a repertoire of over seventy-five Old Time Songs.

We like each other, we like the music, and we like the audiences we play for.

The Strung-Out Dulcimer Band is based in the heartland of Pennsylvania's pristine Juniata County in Mifflintown, the County Seat. The County is so rural that it boasts only four red lights within its borders. This is the Ridge and

Valley Section of PA with its long mountains and narrow valleys. It is the perfect rustic setting for the performance and preservation of old time, tuneful music.

The Strung-Out Dulcimer Band is an instrumental group. It is made up of six Mountain Dulcimers and one Hammered Dulcimer accompanied by one guitar. Other instruments that are occasionally blended in include the harmonica, autoharp, metallophone, melodica, and plucked psaltery.

The group specializes in old time country songs, old time hymns, and Christmas Carols. Most all of this music is with a bluegrass flavor. The band regularly performs for church activities, granges, nursing homes, reunions, coffee houses, civic clubs, community events, etc. Besides performing, members also acquaint their audiences with their various instruments. After performances people are invited to come on stage and mingle with the Band members and see the instruments up close while the Band packs up.

Everything about the Band is steeped in enjoyment. *NO FEE IS CHARGED* for performances. All Band members are retired; all are grandparents, and all are in this band to have fun! Now, get to know them:

MOUNTAIN DULCIMERS



MARY SANDERS – GROUP LEADER AND SCHEDULER; Retired School Nurse; also plays the plucked psaltery; Home is Mifflintown.

ED BEAVER – Retired High School Guidance Counselor; also plays autoharp and harmonica; Home is Mifflintown.

ESTHER BRATTON – GROUP SECRETARY; Retired Adult Educator for the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit; also plays the metallophone; Home is Hammer Hollow in Licking Creek.

CAROLE NACE – Retired Lewistown Hospital Secretary; Retired Church Organist; also plays the melodica; Home is New Cumberland.

CINDY IBERG – Retired Hershey Medical Center Nurse; also is vocalist; Home is Tennis Run, McAlisterville.

DAVE WYBLE – GROUP HISTORIAN; Retired Harley Davidson Merchant and Mechanic; also plays harmonica and special effect instruments; Home is 'Possom Hollow,' Richfield.

HAMMERED DULCIMER



LINDA BAHORIK – GROUP PROGRAMS; Retired Retail Shop Proprietor; Active Sunday School Pianist; Home is Port Royal

GUITAR



STEVE BAHORIK – GROUP PROGRAMS AND COMPUTER APPLICATIONS; Retired School Administrator; Home is Port Royal

HYMN SING and DULCIMER CONCERT

UT HYMN SING MUSICIANS Henrietta Speer, organist
Bob St. Clair, pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 148 (Selected verses)..... Rev. Darwin Goshorn, Stated Supply Pastor

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise him, all his angels;
P: **Praise him, sun and moon praise him, all you shining stars!**
L: Praise the Lord from the earth, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and cedars,
P: **Kings of the earth and peoples, young men and women alike, hold and young**
ALL: **Let them praise the name of the Lord. Praise the Lord!**

PRAYER

THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:18-20.....Rev. Alice Meloy, Moderator
“Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your hearts, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord.”

INSTRUCTIONS FROM CHARLES WESLEY:

Sing all. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.
Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you are half dead or half asleep.
Sing modestly. Do not bawl so that you destroy the harmony.
Sing in time. Be sure to keep with it.
Sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him.

HYMN SING: Favorites taken from the congregation.

DULCIMER GROUP FIRST SET

- The Old Rugged Cross
- Just a Closer Walk with Thee
- Instrumental Solo – Mary Sanders
- Amazing Grace
- Medley – Will the Circle Be, The Unclouded Day, Will the Circle Be
- Instrumental Solo – Dave Wyble

SKIT: Charles Wesley, hymn writer

HYMN SING: Favorites taken from the congregation
Please choose hymns composed by Charles Wesley



DULCIMER GROUP SECOND SET

- I Saw the Light
- Life’s Railway to Heaven
- The Little Brown Church in the Wildwood
- Battle Hymn of the Republic (*Carole Nace – Melodica*)
- Simple Gifts

SINGING IN THE DARKNESS:..... THE STORY OF “NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.”#555

HYMN SING: Favorites taken from the congregation
Please choose hymns that have given you courage.

DULCIMER GROUP THIRD SET

- Medley – When the Saints Go Marching In, In the Sweet By and By, I’ll Fly Away
- Instrumental Solo – Ed Beaver
- How Beautiful Heaven Must Be
- Whispering Hope
- Instrumental Solo – Linda Bahorik
- Jesus Loves Me
- God Be With You Till We Meet Again (*Esther Bratton – Metallophone*)

OFFERING:..... The offering will be given to the Juniata County Food Pantry

CLOSING HYMN: “HOW GREAT THOU ART”#467

BENEDICTION

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Thank you to the members of the Dulcimer Group who have shared their talents with us and introduced us to their instruments used in the service of music.

Thank you to our Music and Worship chairperson, Henrietta Speer, who invited the Dulcimer Group to perform.

Thank you to Bob St. Clair, pianist and for creating posters.

Thank you to Elder Joel Love for assuming the role of Charles Wesley.

Thank you to Dave Clayton, elder, for writing articles, and inviting the public to join together to celebrate the gift of music.