

*The George Nelson
Memorial
Concert Series
2016-2017*



George E. Nelson, Jr.

"Art decorates space. Music decorates time."

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*Rhythm
by the River*

**Sunday Afternoons at 4:00 p.m.
In the Sanctuary of
Bethany United Methodist Church
1860 Hayes Road
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September 25, 2016
Dandy Don

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September 25, 2016 DANDY DON

Starting out with a second-hand guitar back in the mid-60s given to him by his older brother, Dandy Don began his foray into the music world. After much encouragement from his pastor and close friend, he began performing in his home church and various local churches in the mid-80s. Dandy Don has since been performing off and on for well over 40 years. In the recent past in addition to solo work, he has performed with contemporary gospel groups: the Beatitudes, His, and 2-uv-them. Don has also played with pop/rock groups Vagabond, Sojourn, and has set in with numerous artists around the Southeast.

October 30, 2016 RUDY SHACKELFORD

Rudy Shackelford is a composer whose original works and arrangements are performed worldwide and published in the United States (Boosey and Hawkes) and Europe (Edizioni Suvini Zerboni, Milan). A graduate of the University of Illinois, where he received the doctor of musical arts degree, Rudy has held numerous fellowships, including a term at the MacDowell Colony. He has written works for orchestra, chamber groups, voice with instruments, and choral ensembles, and for such solo instruments as harpsichord, flute, piano, guitar, and organ. He has written articles on twentieth century organ music for a number of publications, as well as essays and translations. He has been the organist of Bethany UMC since 1997.



February 26, 2017 AMERICAN YOUTH HARP ENSEMBLE



The American Youth Harp Ensemble continues to dazzle audiences around the world as America's premier youth harp ensemble, well known for their musical sophistication, rich sound, emotional power, and imaginative programming of repertoire. The American Youth Harp Ensemble (AYHE) has brought world-class music to enthusiastic audiences in the U.S. and abroad through

hundreds of performances, recordings, television and radio features most recently on CNN, NBC, PBS, and NPR affiliate stations. With fifteen national and international tours to their credit since 1999, the AYHE made its international debut performing in the Maastricht Music Festival (Netherlands).

April 23, 2017 JOHN SHEPPARD

John Sheppard was born and raised in Trenton, NJ. As a youth he studied piano with Charlotte Janelli and Godfrey Schroth. During his high school years, John served as pianist for the Unitarian Church in Trenton. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1966 and taught high school English for a number of years. In addition to his musical career, John was Sous chef at the Bistro Restaurant in Richmond for sixteen years. Since relocating to Bluffton in the South Carolina Lowcountry in 2005, John has been employed as Chef at MoonDoggie's Café in Port Royal, SC. For the last eight years, he has been the pianist for the Unitarian-Universalist Church of the Lowcountry. He loves discovering little known, but magical music.

