

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL

ALL-DAY SACRED HARP SINGING



Saturday, March 25, 2017

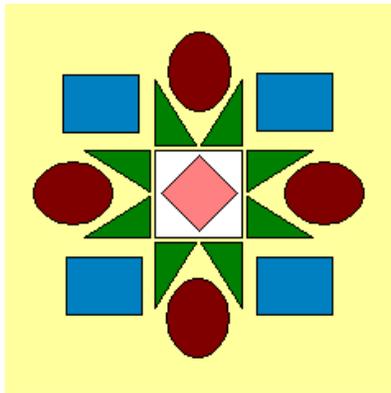
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

WITH MIDDAY POTLUCK LUNCH



FRANKLIN PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

2470 Nicholson Rd., Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143



A traditional all-day hymn sing from *The Sacred Harp*, 1991 edition (the “Denson Book”)

- ♪ **Sing and experience early American shape-note (fasola) music**
- ♪ **Stay for all or any part of the day**
- ♪ **Free use of loaner books for the day**
- ♪ **Sign up to lead or ask someone to lead your favorite**
- ♪ **No admission charge**
- ♪ **Give what you can to help with rental and other expenses**
- ♪ **Bring ready-to-serve “covered dish” food to share**

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or visit **<http://NWPASH.angelfire.com/index.html>**

Sacred Harp singing is a uniquely American tradition that brings communities together to sing four-part hymns and anthems. It is a proudly inclusive and democratic part of our shared cultural heritage.

Participants are not concerned with re-creating or re-enacting historical events. Our tradition is a living, breathing, ongoing practice passed directly to us by generations of singers, many gone on before and many still living.

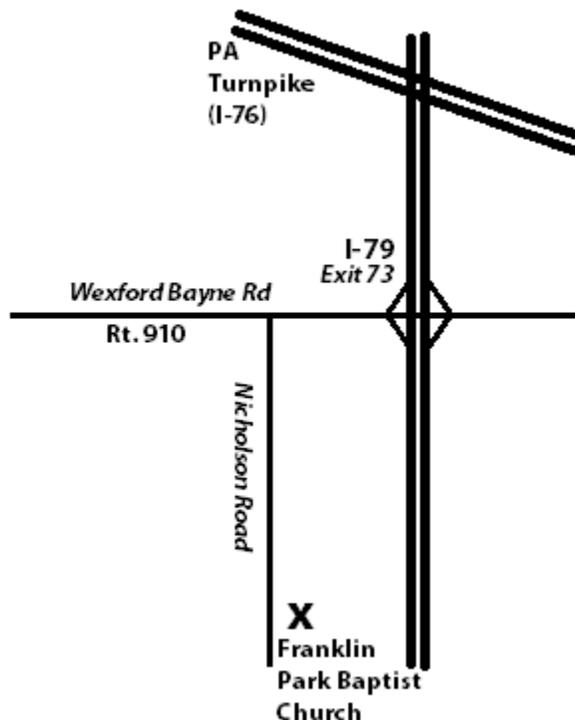
All events welcome beginners and newcomers, with no musical experience or religious affiliation required — in fact, the tradition was born from colonial “singing schools” whose purpose was to teach beginners to sing and our methods continue to reflect this goal.

Though Sacred Harp is not affiliated with any denomination, it is a deeply spiritual experience for all involved, and functions as a religious observance for many singers.

Sacred Harp “singings” are not performances. There are no rehearsals and no separate seats for an audience. Every singing is a unique and self-sufficient event with a different group of assembled participants. The singers sit in a hollow square formation with one voice part on each side, all facing inwards so we can see and hear each other. However, visitors are always welcome to sit anywhere in the room and participate as listeners.

Monthly regional singings in SW PA are held in: Pittsburgh on the 2nd Saturday of the month ‘ And in NW PA in Edinboro, from 2-5 pm on the 4th Sunday of the month (usually).

For more information about the Sacred Harp tradition & singings, visit www.fasola.org



DIRECTIONS: Franklin Park Baptist Church is just off I-79 Exit 73.

From the north: take I79 exit 73 toward Wexford Bayne Road and turn right at the end of the ramp.

Take the first left onto Nicholson Rd. The church will be on the left after 1.1 miles.

From the south: take I79 exit 73 and turn left at the end of the ramp. Cross over the interstate, then turn left onto Nicholson Rd. The church will be on the left after 1.1 miles.

From the east or west: take I76 (Pennsylvania Turnpike) to exit 28, merge onto I79S, and follow the directions above for arriving from the north.

For more information or help with lodging in the Pittsburgh area contact:
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