

*"From the tables down at Mory's.."*

## The Gentlemen Songsters

For close to 75 years the Gentlemen Songsters, formerly the Chevrolet Glee Club of Detroit, has offered the opportunity to participate in the presentation of choral music of all kinds. Our music committee annually selects our repertoire to assure that we are not only challenged (!), but also entertaining.

We annually perform before such diverse audiences as banquets, store openings, retirement homes, Industry Sings, and others who request us. We are supported by the contributions of our audiences, sponsors, and dues of our members. We have a paid professional director and accompanist.

Rehearsals and tryouts are held every Tuesday evening from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Ave. in 'fashionable' Ferndale (except during the months of July and August). We are available to perform for your organization, group, or meeting. Call or write an officer of the club for further information.

### Bill Edwards – Director

Bill Edwards is a native of Flint, MI. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University, with a major in Public School Vocal Music. He has directed High School choirs for 9 years and church choirs for 15 years. Bill has been with the Gentlemen Songsters since 1978. His day job is tuning and repairing pianos. Bill is a Registered Piano Technician with the Piano Technicians Guild.

### Dennis Penney – Accompanist

A native of Hamtramck, Dennis attended both the University of Detroit and Wayne State University. While at Wayne State, Dennis furthered his keyboard skills. Mr. Penney's career has included 12 years on the travel circuit around the USA with the former "Benton Dance Band" The Benton Dance Band also had a following while playing on cruise ships and in Canada. Dennis is also a Registered Piano Technician with the Piano Technicians Guild.

### Our Newest Member

**You**



Do you sing in the shower? Are you ready to come out for something more? This could be you. Why not?

### Our Motto:

To sing for the joy of singing

### Our Mission:

- To extend male choral singing in our communities.
- To create good will through music.
- To bring people of varied backgrounds together to perform and enjoy the unique, rich sound of male choral music.
- To improve the quality of our singing and raise the standard of performance and thus enhance audience enjoyment.
- To bring before the public, music on a unique scale only possible with the medium of male choral singing.



*Notes:*

**HELP WANTED:**

Must be able to carry a tune without dropping it (reading music helpful but not necessary). Should have sufficient vision to see the Director from 15 feet away (with one eye on the Director and the other on the sheet music). Body temperature close to 98.6F.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Must have sung in the shower at some time.

**STARTING WAGE:**

Out of this world!! Measured in:  
Increased Satisfaction and  
Joy of Accomplishment.

**FRINGE BENEFITS:**

Social Security – the security of social friendships with other chorus members.

**HOURS:**

Rehearsal time: Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM, First United Methodist Church of Ferndale, 22331 Woodward (48220), at the SW corner at LeRoy.

**RETIREMENT:**

(Don't count on it!) Generally determined by printed notes getting too small, uniform too heavy, or accompanist unable to play notes you can sing!

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## You're Invited!

Open House Tuesdays at 7:30 PM  
September thru June

Call first as we may be out singing!

Location:  
First United Methodist Church  
of Ferndale  
22331 Woodward Avenue,  
Ferndale, MI 48220  
On the southeast corner at LeRoy –  
Just south of the Dunkin Donuts/Baskin  
Robins shop.

Contact Information:  
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2005-2006 Season  
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[www.thegentlemensongsters.org](http://www.thegentlemensongsters.org)

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(GLMCA) - Participating Member  
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